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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Reforming The Lords

LORD Simons this week introduced a Bill before the House of Lords which is likely to prove as controversial as it is novel. The proposal is that Her Majesty the Queen shall be authorised each calendar year to appoint not more than ten persons of either sex who are British subjects as life peers, who shall be members of the House of Lords. The idea, itself, is not new. It has long been numbered among proposals for House of Lords reform, which has been hotly debated on and off, for at least 70 years. But nothing has ever been done from within, and it is the fact that a member of the House of Lords (and a distinguished one at that) has now come forward to advocate reform which is certain to stimulate public interest in the subject. Apart from a few extreme left-wingers there are no members of the House of Commons who desire to see the House of Lords deprived of all its powers and influence. But it has long been recognised that the Upper House, particularly in its composition, needs reforming. The present Government is pledged to call an all-party conference, and the sooner it is held the better. It would be like a blood transfusion—life—peers drawn from the professions, trade unions, industry, the arts and sciences, and so on, were appointed. Undoubtedly, if the House of Lords had not received fresh blood it could never have survived. The latest recruits are the Labour peers, and though they may seem to be an anomaly, they are no more so than the Whig peers must have seemed to the old Tories. The creation of life peers would quicken a slow, traditional process. Yet this is not to suggest that Britain should abandon the hereditary principle. Hereditary—and breeding count for much. The Stanleys, Cecils and Churchills are excellent examples of an inherited talent for statecraft. The hereditary principle has been one of the secrets of Britain's greatness. But she has never denied opportunities, either, to those without a pedigree. A reformed House of Lords based on those two principles would truly represent the British people.

Day Of Tension In Morocco

TROOPS, POLICE IN STATE OF ALERT

No Disturbances Reported

Casablanca, Dec. 12. Troops with fixed bayonets tonight guarded all the main squares of Casablanca and the main avenues leading into the city—but otherwise the city seemed almost normal.

Motor cars jammed the city centre. People sat on cafe terraces sipping coffee and aperitifs. Moroccan vendors still tried to sell their rugs and other wares.

Most workers appear not to have joined in the strike called by the Moroccan Nationalists.

Half a million of residents of Casablanca heaved a sigh of relief tonight. It was feared that the Moorish holiday today would lead to disturbances after the Moroccans had visited the Mosque and prayed for those who died in the week's trouble.

French troops and police were in a state of alert throughout the whole of Morocco tonight, but up to early evening the Nationalists had failed to launch an expected new wave of demonstrations.

Steel-helmeted soldiers in the biggest display of force since the riots started last week were patrolling the Moroccan Quarters, while planes were patrolling above the main town throughout the whole day. A French Residency spokesman in Rabat said tonight: "Our fears seem to have been unfounded and so far the day had gone off without the slightest incident. We appear to have surmounted the first danger."

At Rabat it was not possible today to gauge the response to the Nationalists' call for a three-day strike as most shops were closed for the Muslim Day of Prayer.

Guns, tough Moroccan mountain troops, were posted on the boundaries between the European and Moroccan quarters, while hundreds of lorries with troops stood by. Streets in both Casablanca and Rabat were completely deserted in the evening. Senegalese troops were rushed this afternoon to the Carrières Centrales, shanty town in Casablanca, after the prayer meetings ended, but no incidents were reported.—Reuter.

GUNS TRAINED Casablanca, Dec. 12. In the face of a great display of French military might, the Muslim Sabbath passed quietly today in trouble-ridden Morocco.

Threatens Life Of Eisenhower

Honolulu, Dec. 12. American Secret Service officials here reported today they had picked up a teen-age boy who was overheard threatening the life of President-elect Eisenhower.

They did not identify the youth or give further details of the incident, except to say that he had been handed over to a juvenile court.

The report caused a ripple of excitement at the Marine Air station here where Mr. Eisenhower is relaxing on his way home after his Korean tour.—Reuter.

Commonwealth Announce Queen's Titles

London, Dec. 13. Elizabeth the Second will be styled Queen by six of the eight Commonwealth countries when she is crowned next June, it was announced here today.

The exceptions are India, which is a Republic and recognises her only as "Head of the Commonwealth," and Pakistan, which names her in general terms as "Queen of the United Kingdom and of her other realms."

Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand all call her "Defender of the Faith"—the traditional title since Protestantism became the national religion in the reign of Henry VIII—and she is Queen "by the Grace of God."

South Africa, Ceylon and Pakistan drop these titles. The modernised titles Elizabeth will take were agreed on this week by the Prime Ministers and other representatives of the Commonwealth, who came to London for an economic conference.

All will recognise her as "Head of the Commonwealth." One change in all the titles is the dropping of the word "Dominions"—a term disliked for sometime past by certain Commonwealth countries, such as Canada. They felt it implied a superiority of status for Britain over the rest of the Commonwealth.

Alteration in the British title is the insertion of "Northern" before "Ireland" because the southern part of Ireland is now a Republic outside the Commonwealth.

No mention was made in the announcement of the Queen's title in Scotland, where Nationalists have been protesting vigorously against her description as "Elizabeth II."

For Canada the term of title is the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and her other realms and territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Australia and New Zealand: the same formula as Canada but substituting the name of their own country.

South Africa: "Elizabeth the Second, Queen of South Africa and of her other realms and territories, head of the Commonwealth."

Pakistan: "Elizabeth the Second, Queen of the United Kingdom and of other realms and territories, head of the Commonwealth."

Ceylon: "Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Ceylon and of her other realms and territories, head of the Commonwealth."

It was learned authoritatively that the form to be used in the United Kingdom will be: "Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other realms and territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith."

India was not mentioned in tonight's announcement from No. 10 Downing Street.

This said the Commonwealth statesmen recognised that "the

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1
Bitter Sweet
Poker Face
Tunny
Outsider:—Olympic Torch.

RACE 2
Gold Cup
Ben More
Clontekle
Outsider:—Johnner.

RACE 3
Skymaster
Knock-Down
Fire-Glo
Outsider:—Firefly.

RACE 4
Skylon
Bankfoot
Squadron Leader
Outsider:—Chinese Mackerel.

RACE 5
Diana
Lady Gloucester
Ben Macduh
Outsider:—Topper.

RACE 6
Tonyber
Amazon
Bootsie
Outsider:—Lake Success.

RACE 7
First Edition
High Strait
Brivisto
Outsider:—Hurry On.

RACE 8
Silver Fox
Gladolus
Bury Bee
Outsider:—Magic Bow.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1
Dixie Bell
Poker Face
Shangri-la
Outsider:—Tunny.

RACE 2
Gold Cup
Konteky Lady
Golden Dullin
Outsider:—Clontekle.

RACE 3
Knock-Down
Firefly
Skymaster
Outsider:—Fire-Glo.

RACE 4
Crackerjack
Skylon
Squadron Leader
Outsider:—Bankfoot.

RACE 5
Mourne
Diana
Kentucky Moon
Outsider:—Topper.

RACE 6
Meadowbrook
Straight Flush
Amant
Outsider:—Tonyber.

RACE 7
First Edition
Treasureland
Brivisto
Outsider:—Great Conqueror.

RACE 8
Collin
Cinch
Gladolus
Outsider:—Silver Fox.

Newspaper's Ambitious Scheme

London, Dec. 13. The Manchester Guardian, famous British morning newspaper, told its staff in a confidential circular today that it planned to print a London edition by a revolutionary publishing method using photographic transmission.

It would save separate costly printing plant. The plan would take three or four years, it was stated.

The paper would go to press in Manchester in the usual way. A proof of each page would be photographically transmitted to London, 162 miles away.

The plan of the page would be turned into a plate in London for lithographic printing. Mr. L. Scott, Manchester Guardian chairman, said experiments had reached a stage at which they could place orders for the necessary machinery.

This would take considerable time to deliver and they could not hope to have the project running for three or four years. It was stated the London reproduction would not be an entirely perfect copy of the Manchester original but it would be good enough for practical purposes.—Reuter.

Socialists Search For Policy

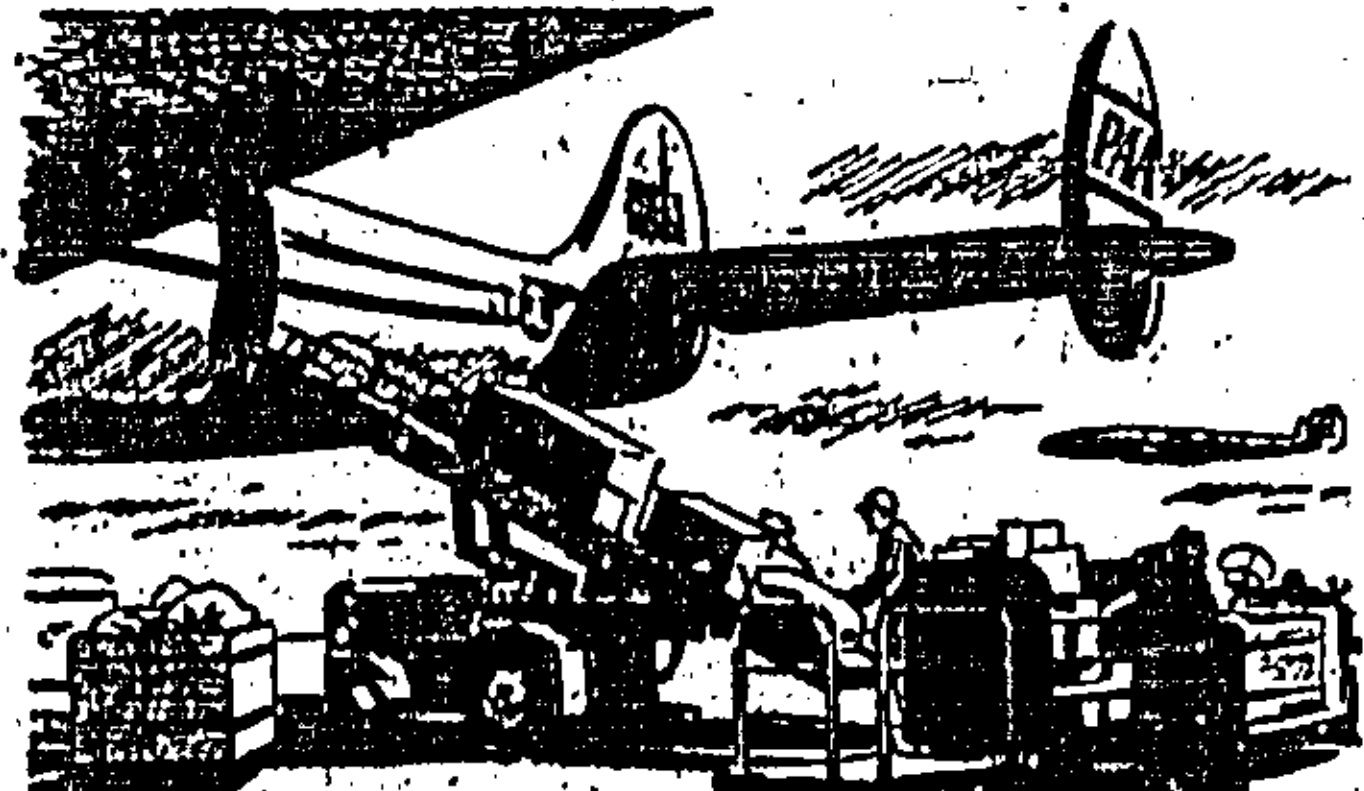
London, Dec. 13. The British Labour Party leaders are meeting today in search of a policy to unite them after the long simmering party feud started by the Left-winger, Mr. Aneurin Bevan.

For 20 months, since Mr. Bevan resigned from a post in the last Labour Cabinet, the party has been divided on his demand that the nation's rearmament programme should be cut.

With a collection of rank and file views to help, the 27-member party executive—of which Bevan is a member—will be in continuous session this weekend to draft a new home and foreign affairs programme in which the Socialists could fight a subsequent general election.

Their main task will be to write the document in such a way that it is acceptable to both the Right-wing under former Premier Clement Attlee and the still strong group which supports Bevan.—Reuter.

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NEW OIL FIELD DISCOVERED

Karachi, Dec. 12. Pakistan Petroleum Limited, a subsidiary company of the Burma Oil Company, today announced that a new oil field has been located near Gakwal village, in the Punjab Province, Pakistan.

Four oil fields are already functioning, with a total production of about 4,000 barrels per day.—Associated Press.

Plane Hits Hill

P-rivas, France, Dec. 12. A two-engined French Navy plane crashed in dense fog into a high hill five miles west of here tonight and, according to first reports, all five crewmen were killed.—United Press.

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Broadcast Description Of Opening Of HK Products Exhibition

On Monday afternoon His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, is to open the 10th Exhibition of Hongkong Products in Kowloon. A programme covering the opening ceremonies, including the speech by His Excellency, and giving listeners a description by Donald Brooks of the exhibition itself, will be broadcast over Radio Hongkong on Monday at 8 o'clock.

Talking about Hongkong is a favourite pastime among people here, but the point is how much do we really know about our Colony? Why, for instance, is Sulphur Channel so called? What is the real meaning of Fan Ling? What is the history of Duddell Street and why is it poisoning associated with it? Who was Piddler, who gave his name to one of our main streets? To answer these questions, and many others like them, and to unravel the fascinating and colourful history of the Colony. In the belief that the whole subject would make an attractive radio programme, Radio Hongkong has invited Dr. S. G. Davis, Ph.D., M.Sc., FGS, and the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S.J. to introduce a new series which has the simple but all-embracing title of "Talking About Hongkong". The first number comes on at 7.15 on Friday evening, when these two well-known speakers will introduce the series, by "talking themselves into it," as it were. (Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second, and on 9.02 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).

Monday

12.30 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

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TWO NEW "FIRST-RUN" THEATRES
Hongkong's "Empire" And Kowloon's "Princess"

It seems to be the accepted thing that every new cinema in Hongkong should open with a musical. After some impressive ceremonies, "Rainbow Round My Shoulder" was shown on Wednesday at the luxurious new "Princess" in Kowloon, and on Thursday—"Just for You" at the magnificent "Empire" in Hongkong.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who opened the "Princess" which has a goldfish fountain, automatic lights, pastel shades in decoration and the most splendid drop curtain, a glittering mass of gold and the only one in the Colony to draw up rather than across. Sir Arthur Morse opened the "Empire" which goes in for gay finishing, and with harlequin cheeks, boasts quite a new departure in ceiling design. On the outside a sculpture of bold design, pictures "The Prince Minister Tung Cheuk and the Girl Singer Tui Sam" in a rather alarming mixture of ancient history and modern art. The West comes into it too, though, for further down the sculpture there is a Greek beauty with a harp and precious little else. European and Thailand dancers come and even a writer have a place in the plaque, one gathers, but no-one is quite so prominent as the girl from Greece!

Both theatres seat around seventeen hundred people in utter comfort, and have large car parks to accommodate their patrons. Even the opening pictures at the "Princess" and "Empire"

—IN VAIN—
Sue Dawson Waits for the Sun to Shine

"Life and Love's Eternal Triangle—the heart-beat in sentimental drama at its best!" blare the advertisements for "Wait 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie." Take all but two of those words with a pinch of salt. "Sentimental Drama" is the answer, but on second thoughts, I'm not so sure about the "drama." That criterion, the Oxford Dictary, defines the word thus: "... set of events having unity and progress of a play and leading to catastrophe or consummation."

This saga of barber Ben Harper's life is embroiled too freely with catastrophes and crops up regularly every ten minutes—but they lead to nothing more than David Wayne getting older (he ages well) in fast though dignified stages. Perhaps that is "consummation." As far as the effect on the film goes, it is certainly catastrophic, for the picture folds up feebly with Wayne the veteran marching with the band in his small-town-grown-big, amid a great deal of noise. Nothing much is reached; the whole thing withers up like a pricked balloon.

There is, however, Jean Peters. She is David Wayne's temperamental, dissatisfied but sometimes adoring young wife, whose one object is to get to Chicago. But she turns out to be one of the catastrophes, and disappears rather less than half way through the picture—wild and fiery-eyed! She acts vehemently and makes the most of a dull script. David Wayne suffers none-script too, as the ordinary little barber of Savannah he is just—well, ordinary. But he has one rather bright drunken scene.

Hugh Marlowe as "the other man" and all the rest of the cast do their bit quite competently, but oh dear! Twentieth Century Fox doesn't give them much of a chance to shine.

As for poor Nellie, it looks as though she will have to wait 'til Kingdom Come for the sun to shine; yours truly waited hopefully through the whole picture, but it never peeped through the tedious drabness.

Being about an American small-town of the early twentieth century, perhaps that country can better appreciate this small-time film.

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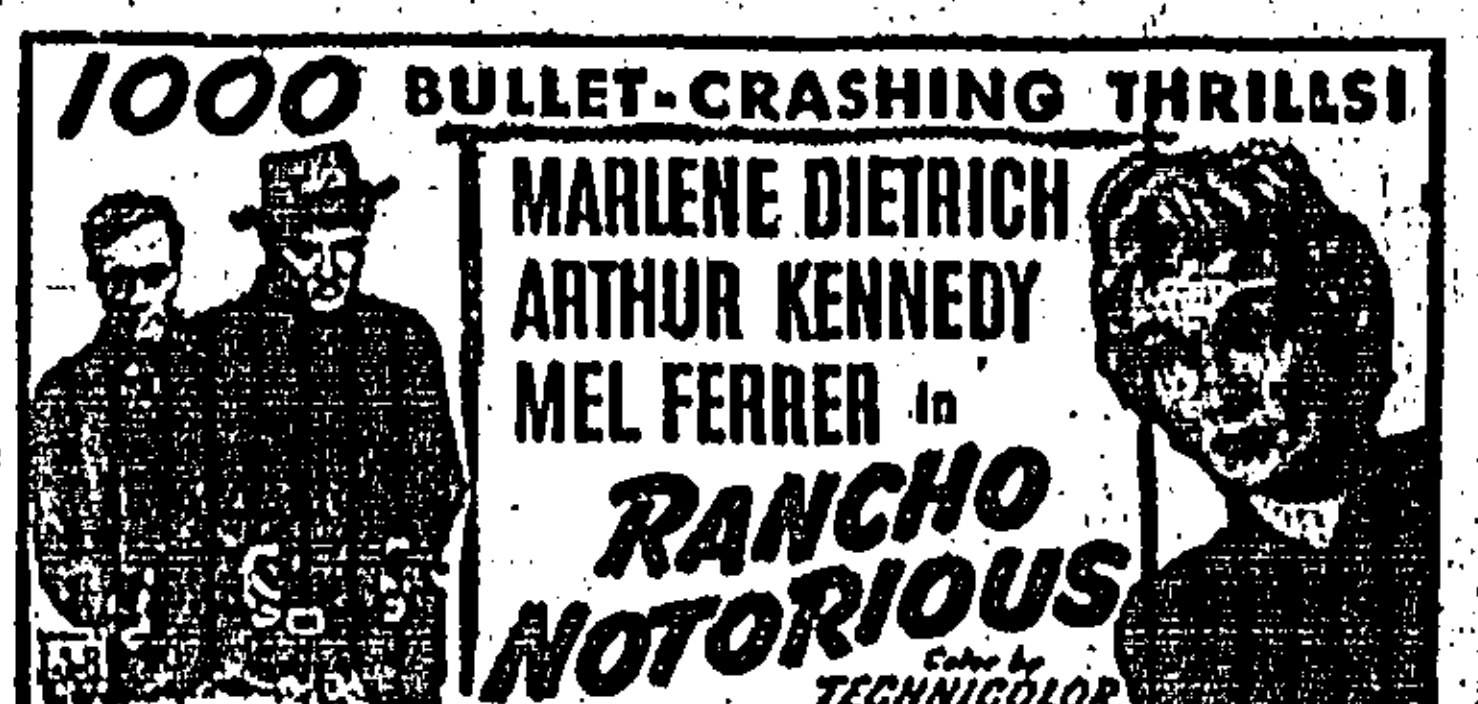
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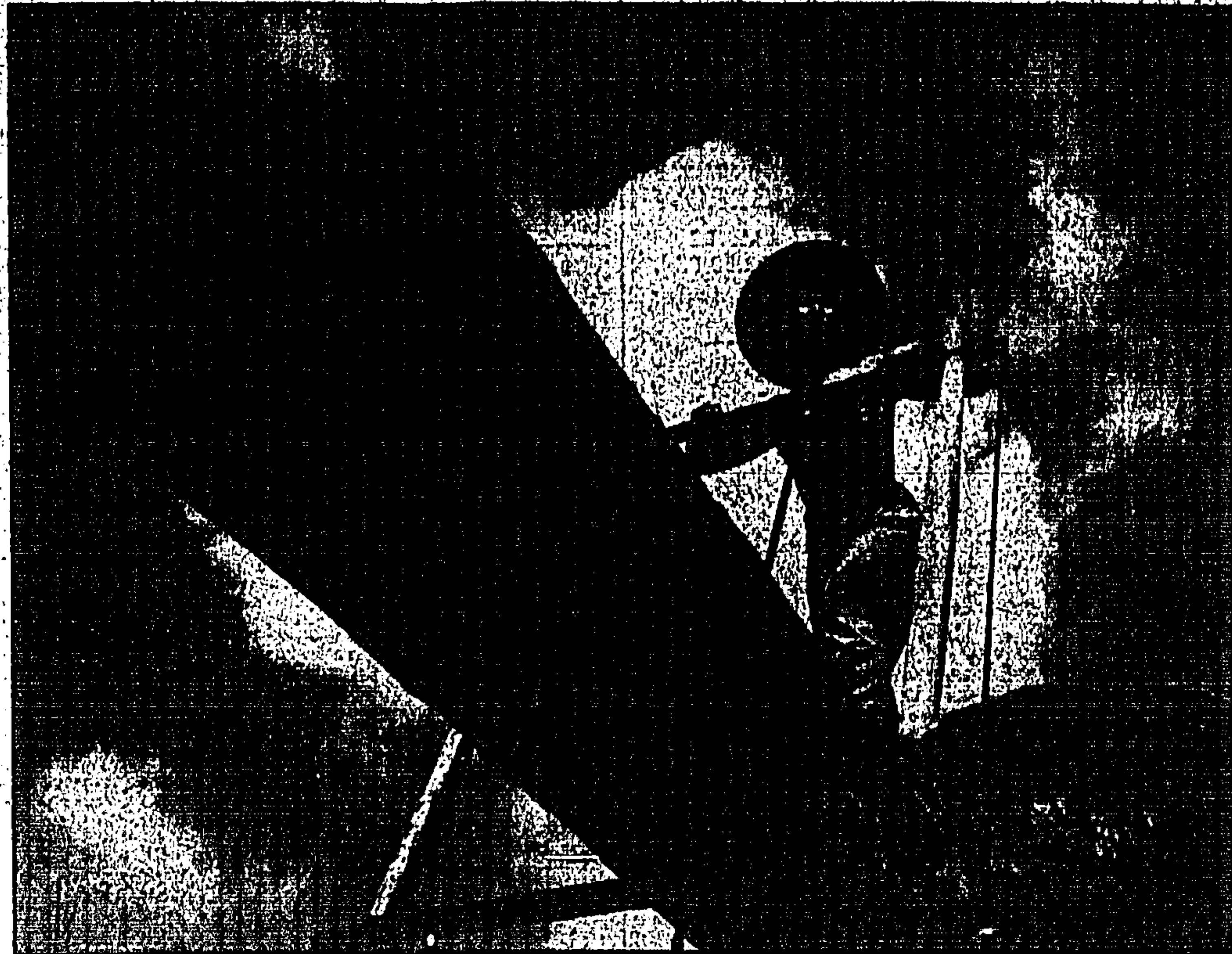
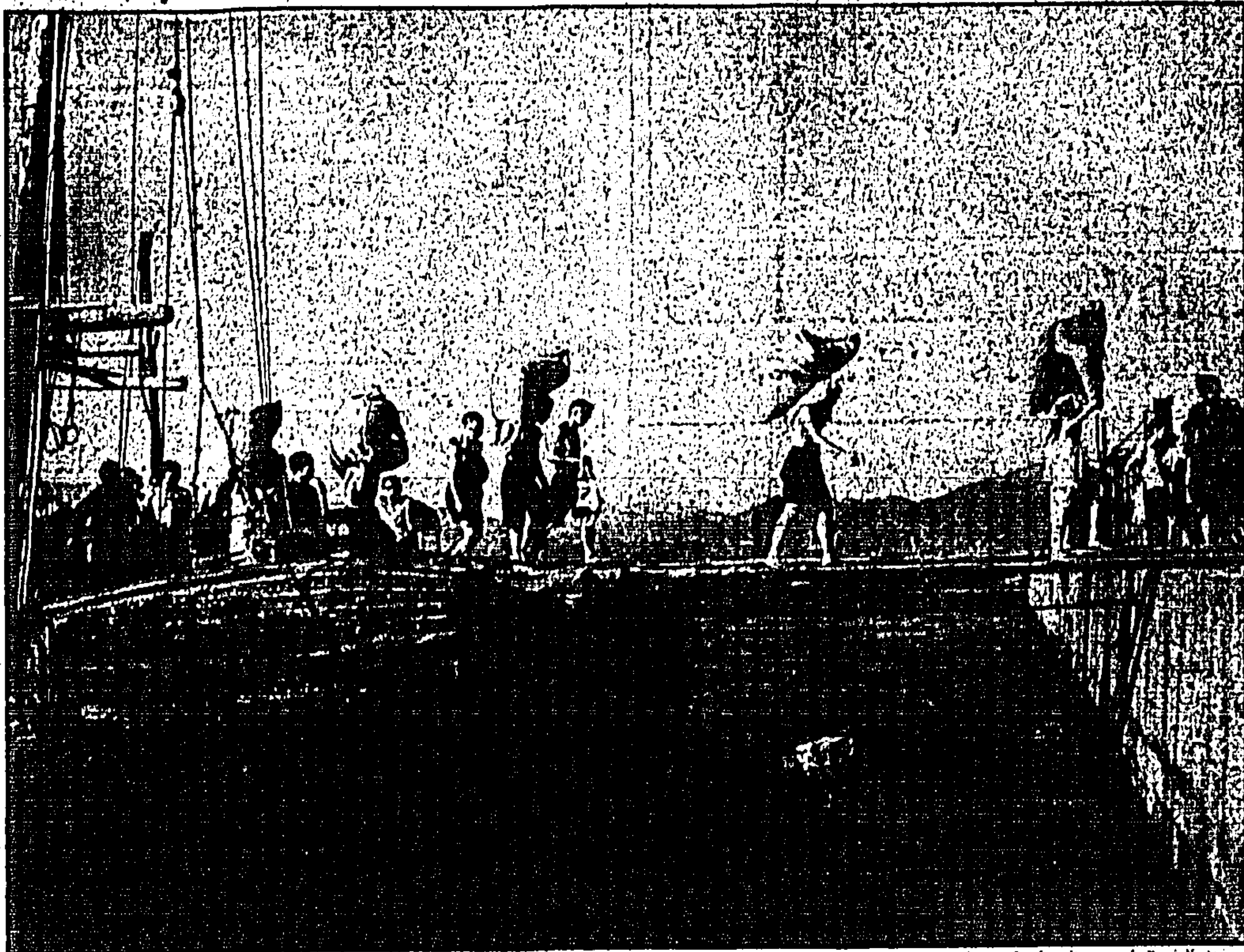
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SOME COMPETITION WINNERS



On the left: Mr Tom Chan's picture, "Hongkong Waterfront," which won Second Prize in Section Four. On the right: Mr Yi Shing-yang's "Wood-sawyer," which won Third Prize in Section Two.

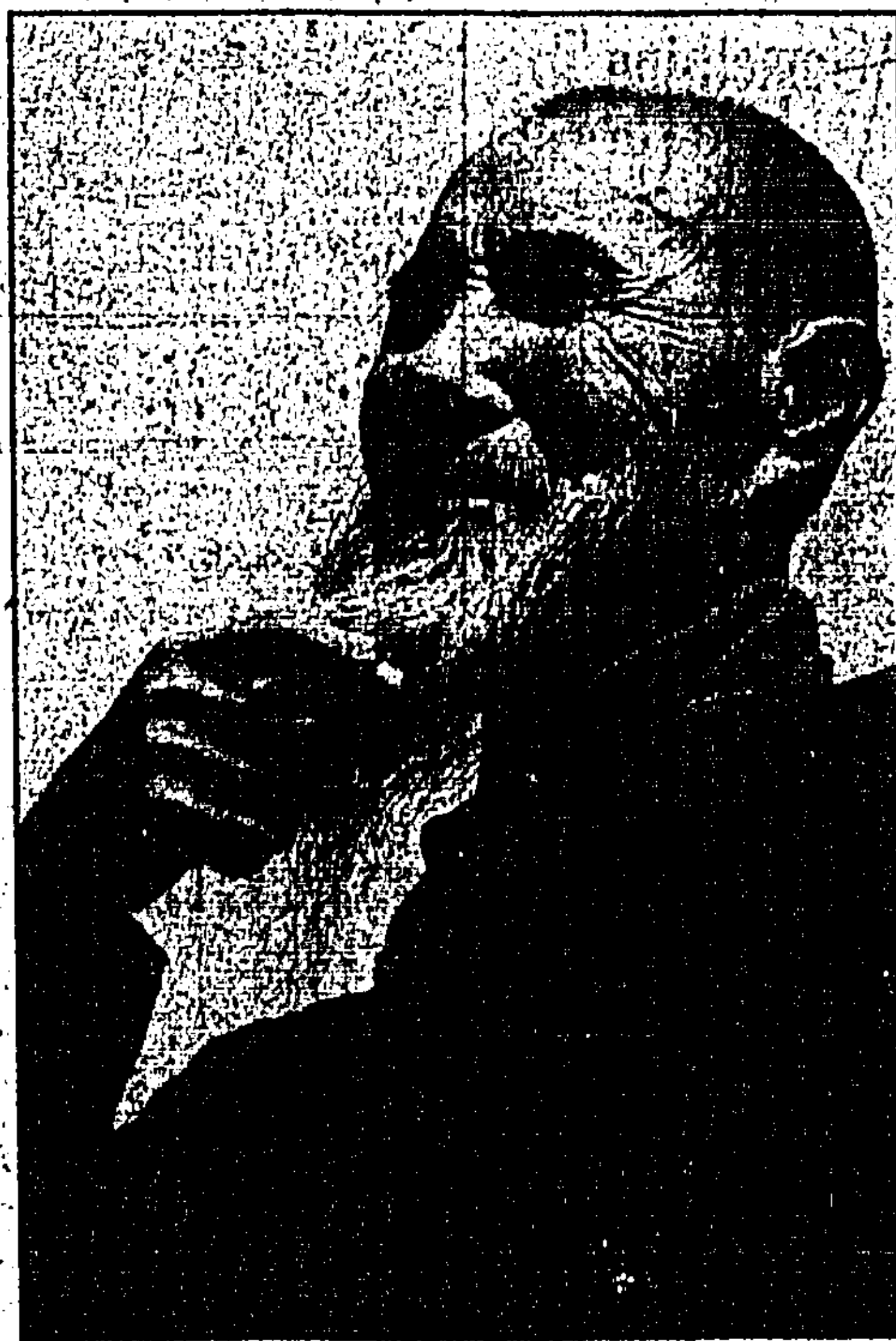


Above: Mr Sam B. Tata's entry, "Lunch Hour," which won Third Prize in Section Four. Below: Mr Yooky Mann's "Timber Yard, Shauiwan," which won Second Prize in Section Two.



The Public Relations Office today announced the results of the photographic competition sponsored by Government, and the China Mail here reproduces some of the prize-winning entries. The object of the competition was to discover suitable pictures about Hongkong to illustrate a booklet about the Colony which the Hongkong Government is producing for wide circulation throughout the world. There were four Sections: Section 1, Hongkong's Scenery and Architecture; Section

2, Hongkong At Work; Section 3, Hongkong's People and Their Activities; Section 4, Hongkong's Curiosities, Fauna and Flora, and other subjects not falling into any of the other categories. A first prize of \$500 was offered for the best photograph. Prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 were offered for first, second and third in each Section. The judges were Mr J. L. Murray, Public Relations Officer, Mrs J. Baron, Mr Francis Braun, Mr P. A. Dragon, Mr F. P. Franklin, Mr J. R. Jones, Mr K. A. Watson and Mr S. Y. Wong.



Above: "An Old Hongkong Man," which won for Mr Yooky Mann Second Prize in Section Three. Right: Mr Chow Kwong-ming's "Botanical Gardens," which won Third Prize in Section One.



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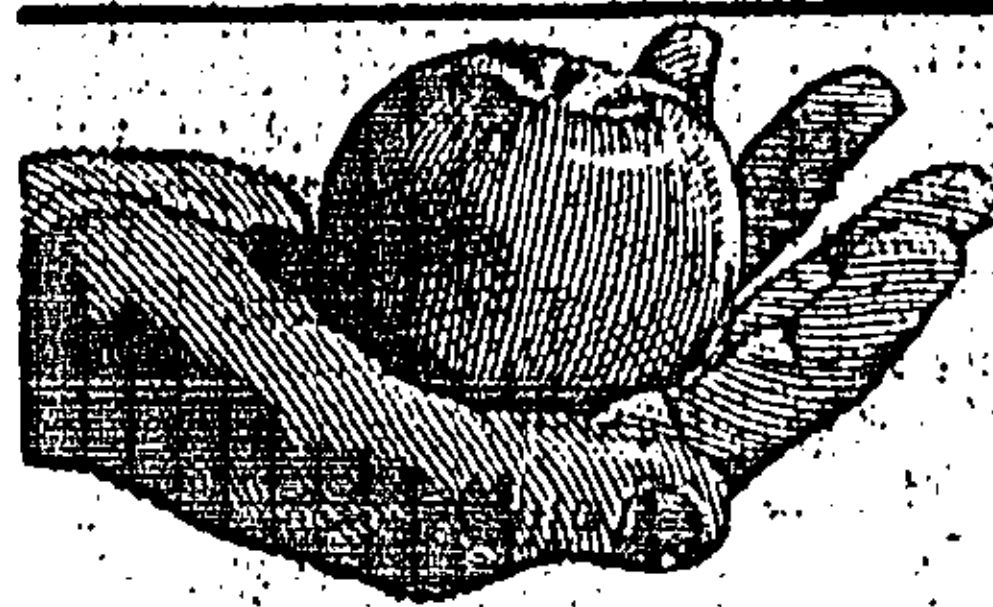


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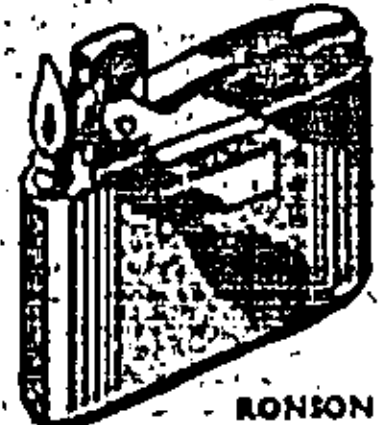
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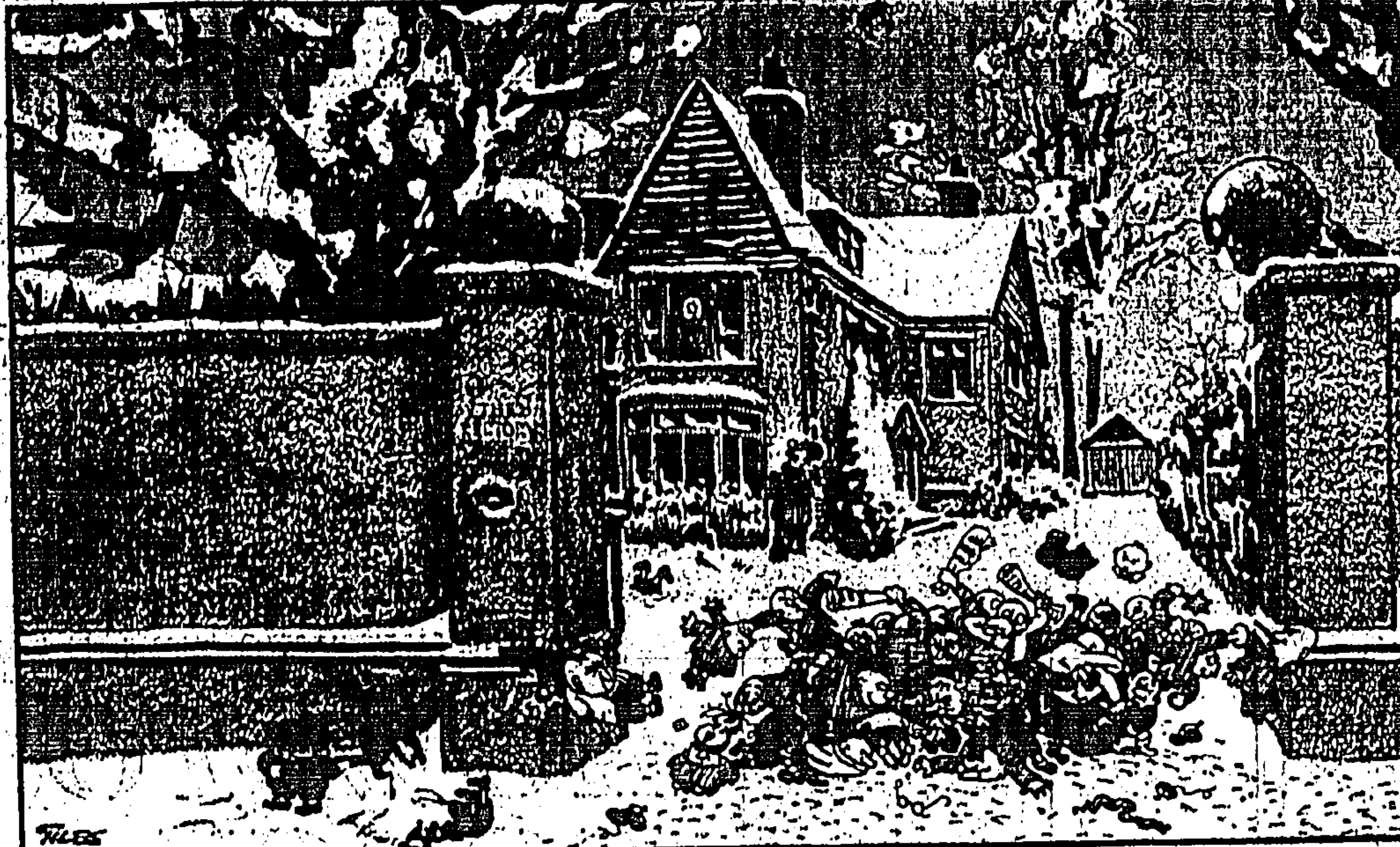
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"Same as last year, sir—Lads' Club Choral Society accusing the Choir of opening the carol season on their pitch."
—(London Express Service)

While Mr. Eisenhower calls two women to join his Cabinet, America studies a new documentation of the advance from bloomers to bikinis—to an age which a psychiatrist calls "the unhappiest in history" for the American woman.

Excuse Me, But Your Pedestal Is Slipping

by EVELYN IRONS

NEW YORKERS are chucking over a new book on a well-worn subject. The book is "The Revolt of American Women" by Oliver Jensen, Yale graduate, wartime naval officer and a former editor of Life magazine.

Jensen tells in story and pictures the tale of American women's slip-slapping advance from bloomers to bikinis, from tight-lipped feminist SUSAN B. ANTHONY to streamlined CLARE BOOTH LUCE, from HARRIET BEECHER STOWE of Uncle Tom's Cabin to humorist DOROTHY PARKER, from MRS WILLIAM ASTOR to the DUCHESS OF WINDSOR.

The author claims that no such changes have happened in any other country in one single century. "Our women," says he, "are renowned all over the world not only for their good looks, their health, their wealth and their longevity, but also for their widely publicised spiritual difficulties."

THE 400

MRS WILLIAM ASTOR (died 1908) was the fabulous Victorian hostess who founded the "400," the celebrated register of New York's social cream.

America's pioneer society women were not blue-blooded like the British but they were just as arrogant and many times richer and more ostentatious.

Ordinary citizens were highly diverted by reports of Mrs. Astor's exclusive annual ball, although, says Jensen, "they could not see quite how THE Mrs. Astor, whose fortune had originated in fur, should look down on Mrs. Vanderbilt, whose millions came from railroads."

Came a VANDEBILT, who revolted—Mrs. William K. She invited all the 400 to a colossal masquerade ball—except one.

She could hardly ask Mrs. Astor, who had never called on her. Mrs. Astor capitulated. She left her card, and an invitation was sent to her by return messenger.

Mrs. Vanderbilt married her reluctant daughter Consuelo—disastrously, as it turned out—disastrously, as it turned out, she herself got the first big American society divorce and married Mr. Oliver Belmont.

As MRS BELMONT she was the first American socialite to be a suffragette leader.

It was Mrs. Belmont who encouraged a dispirited sister suffragette with the remark quoted by Adlai Stevenson in an election speech, "Call on God, my dear. SHE will help you."

Another American feminist, CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN, put the women's argument for equality into zoological perspective. "There is nothing a he-beer can do as a bear," she proclaimed, "which Mrs. Bear cannot do as well or better. In human society alone the he can do everything and the she nothing."

Where, asks Jensen acidly, are the she-beasts of Washington now that American women have had the vote for 32 years? The Truman administration has only one woman in a top job—ANNA ROSENBERG, business woman who became Assistant Secretary of Defence and has been touring the Korea front. (But Eisenhower has just selected MRS OWENA CULP HOBBY, 47, is to be Administrator of the Federal Security Agency, and MRS IVY BAKER PRIEST, 47, is to be Treasurer of the United States.)

IN THE MONEY

TODAY women own 70 per cent of America's private wealth. They are flattered and fussed and glamorised and deferred to. Even the housewife who takes the trouble to buy vegetables fresh instead of in tins finds the brussels sprouts ready trimmed, washed and ar-

ringed in a basket like strawberries. From 1,500,000 women in jobs eight years ago there are 18 million now. A triumph? Only partly. The counter-revolt may be on the way.

A few days ago the Journal of the American Medical Association pointed out that with the last census (1950) showing nearly 1½ million more women than men, indications now are that this excess will become even larger in the future. It may be that here, as in Britain, there will be so many surplus women that the sovereignty of the sex will slip.

COMPLAINT

ALREADY American business girls complain that men no longer give up their seats in the subway. Says Jensen, "For a handful of chic business women at the top of the careerist tree, 'millions' whose feet are killing them realise feminism's dream: jobs for women—but the pay envelopes are barely half as full as men's."

Furthermore, the divorce rate has risen 700 per cent in 50 years and there are now 9,000,000 divorcees in the country.

ODD SPOTS OF NEWS:

GRANDMA BANDIT

NEW YORK: Grandma strikes again. She is the grey-haired woman in her fifties who has now robbed two Los Angeles banks over \$1,500 at pistol-point. At the latest, one she asked her taxi driver to wait. Afterwards she left him just before police cars closed in on his cab. She had given him a 25 tip.

BAN

NEW DELHI: The government of the Indian Punjab and the State of Himachal Pradesh have been asked by a leading social body for legislation to ban the sale of brides in those states where the ground that this social evil is "eating

into the very vitals of our community."

PARROT

WASHINGTON: The swearing parrot at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo need never be homesick. Since a woman visitor complained that it swore at her in language strong enough to shock a sailor and demanded its execution, the Zoo has been swamped with offers to adopt it and its vocabulary.

NAME

BERLIN: U.S. headquarters named three Americans who are missing and said they were believed to be held in the Russian Zone. One is listed as "Private Lieutenant Night"—"Lieutenant" being his Christian name.

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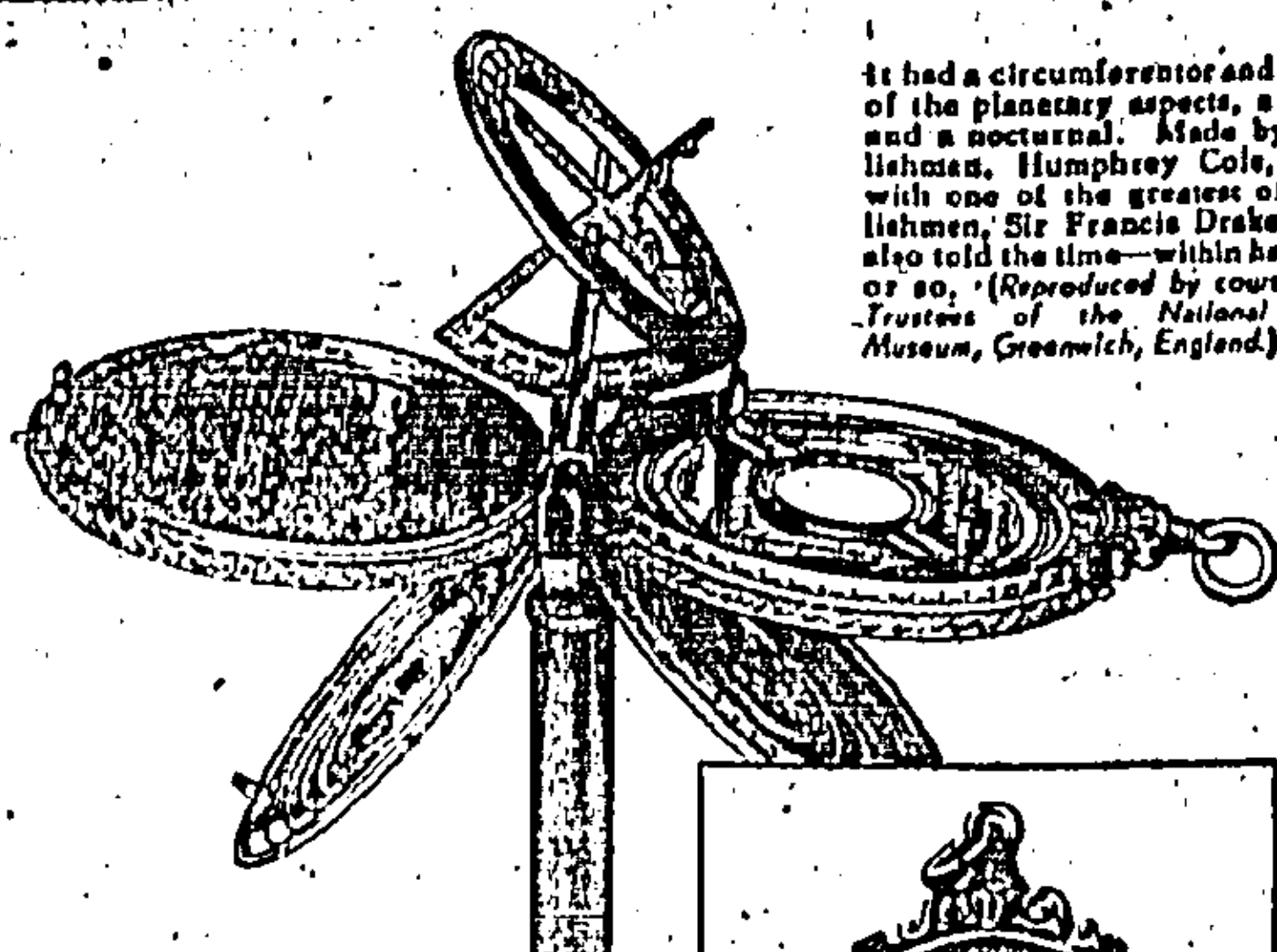
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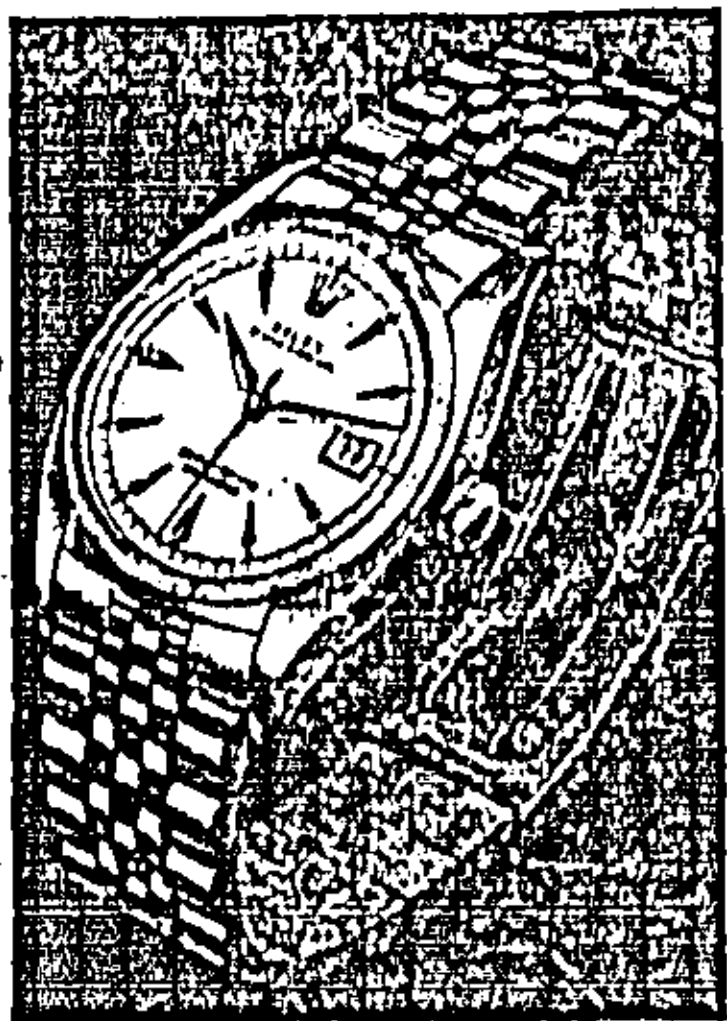
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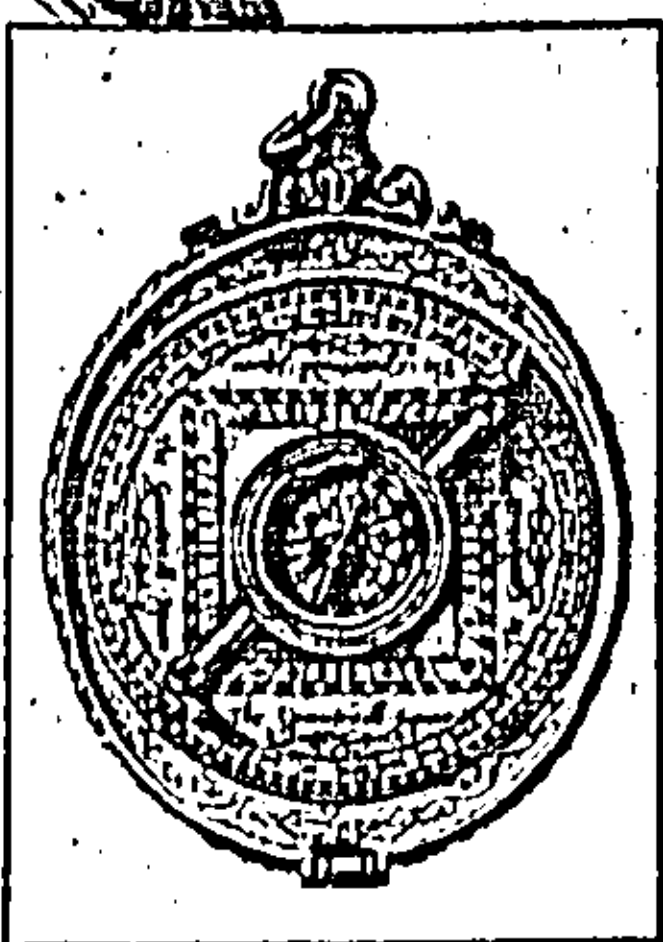
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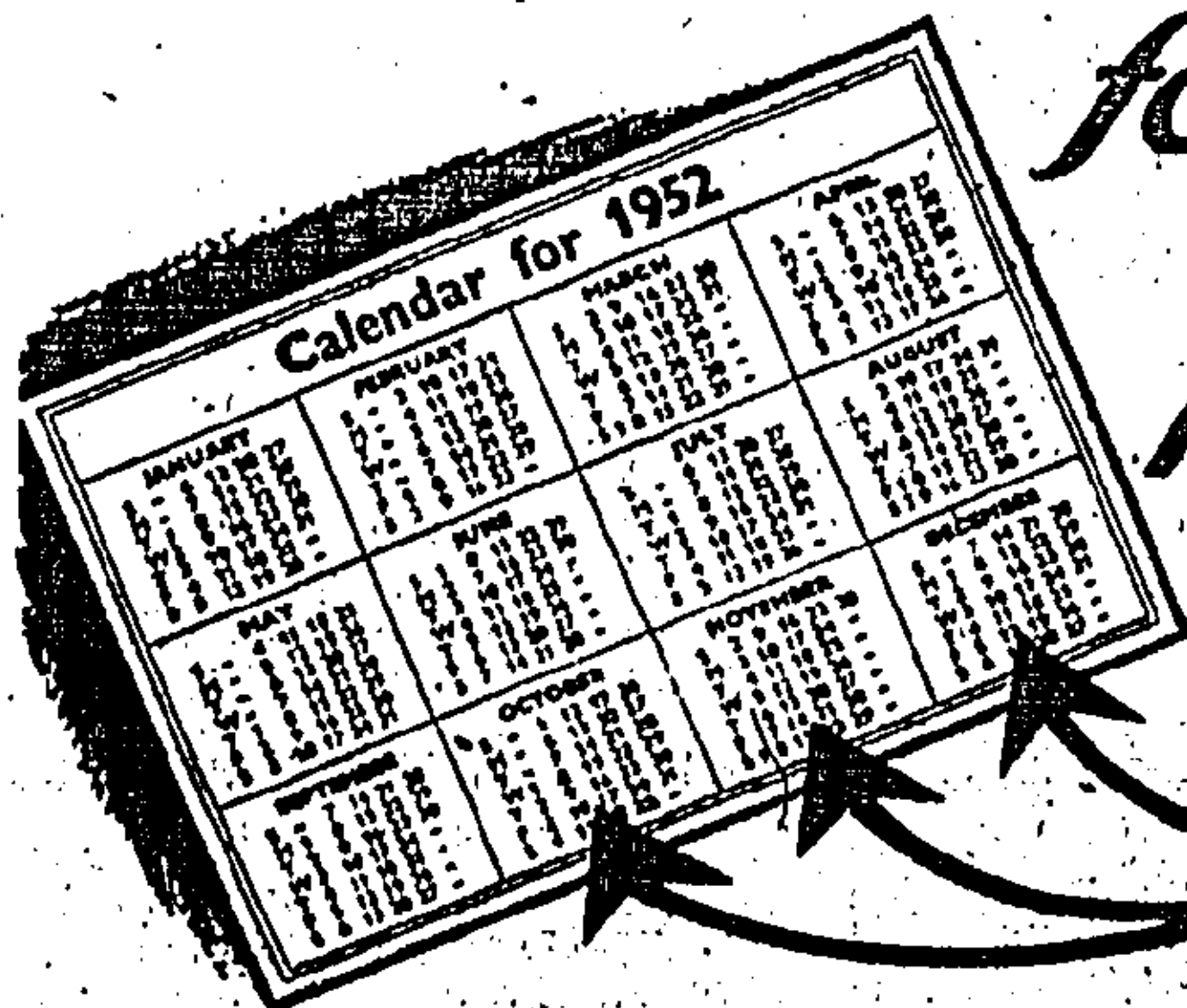


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OBLIV(i)ON a new drug

turns up to replace the bedside bottle of barbiturates

A NEW sleeping drug believed to be harmless even if taken in huge overdoses is to be made available in Britain through the Health Service this month.

Doctors have high hopes that it will defeat the growing danger of the bedside bottle of barbiturates—sleeping pills which can kill if they are taken in excess. The

new drug, called oblivion, was first prepared in a U.S. laboratory. Now a team of Manchester scientists, led by Dr. Percy Marshall, has devised a method of mass-producing it.

British medical trials have confirmed American claims that oblivion is probably the safest sedative yet discovered.

After trials on 200 patients at the Metropolitan Hospital in New York Dr. Thomas McGavack claims that it produces a normal type of sleep, leaving no hang-over.

If a person wakes in the night and cannot nod off again a further dose can be taken without ill effect. The drug is not an anaesthetic, so is of little use to people who are robbed of sleep by pain.

NO, NO, NANNY

Says a doctor: Let mother do it

NANNY—that efficient, friendly person behind many a family pram, gets a stern look from a doctor who has written Britain's best-selling books on how to bring up children.

Dr John Gibbens gave these views to fellow doctors at a private meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine.

"I dislike entrusting a child's future to a nanny and look forward to the day when every mother runs her first baby single-handed for the first year of its life. Two women looking after one baby is not a good principle."

"In the U.S. many children are taken to a child psychiatrist as regularly as they are taken to a doctor at a welfare centre here. Has this proved to be of any great advantage?"

"Any views on child management put forward by experts who have never brought up a child of their own should be suspect."

"The fun of finding things out for oneself, climbing trees, exploring rivers, fishing for tadpoles, is giving place to nightly sessions in front of a TV screen. Is this a step forward?"

SOME WARMING ADVICE BY A DOCTOR

HOW TO DODGE A COLD

FOR the first time a doctor comes forward today with some clear-cut advice on how to prevent and treat the colds which make winter a misery for most of us.

After 25 years' research involving more than 60,000 patients, Dr. Marshall Cheney, a U.S. physician, urges doctors to abandon the "nothing-I-can-do-about-it" attitude to colds.

In the Practitioner, a leading British medical journal, he puts forward this argument:— "The attitude that a cold must take its course is based on a false theory that all 'colds' are caused by ultra-microscopic germs called viruses for which no effective treatment has yet been found.

In reality, the symptoms which we call 'colds' can be caused by any of several different agents for which remedies already exist.

A phantom

IN trying to find a cure for the common cold scientists are pursuing a phantom.

And in the process they have discarded penicillin, sulphadiazine, and "anti-histamines," all of which are effective in treating some types of colds. They have also thrown out vaccines and vitamins which are highly effective in preventing other types.

Dr. Cheney's case records show that one in every three patients who complained of constantly catching colds proved to be "allergic" to house dust, face powder, pollen, moulds or some ingredient in their food. Their special sensitivity to such sub-

stances brought on nose and eye symptoms identical with those of an infectious cold.

These cases benefited immediately by treatment with available drugs which are now available on a doctor's prescription.

So, as a first step, Cheney advises doctors to test all chronic cold-catchers to discover whether they are really suffering from some allergy. Cheney also claims that many infectious colds are not caused by viruses but by the much bigger germs called bacteria.

Such cases respond to treatment with penicillin, sulphadiazine, and other drugs which can kill bacteria, though they are useless against viruses, he claims.

Following up this finding he tried vaccines made from bacteria for immunisation against colds. They were highly successful in many cases, he reports.

Cheney's cases show that people fall into the four

This is why

THIS heartening report makes sound sense to me.

It explains many of the peculiarities of colds—why some colds (the allergic) clear up overnight while others (the infectious) linger on for weeks; why you escape some of the colds brought home by your children and catch others.

Putting his advice into action would mean extra effort for the family doctor, but, in the long run, the results might save him time, your health, and your money.



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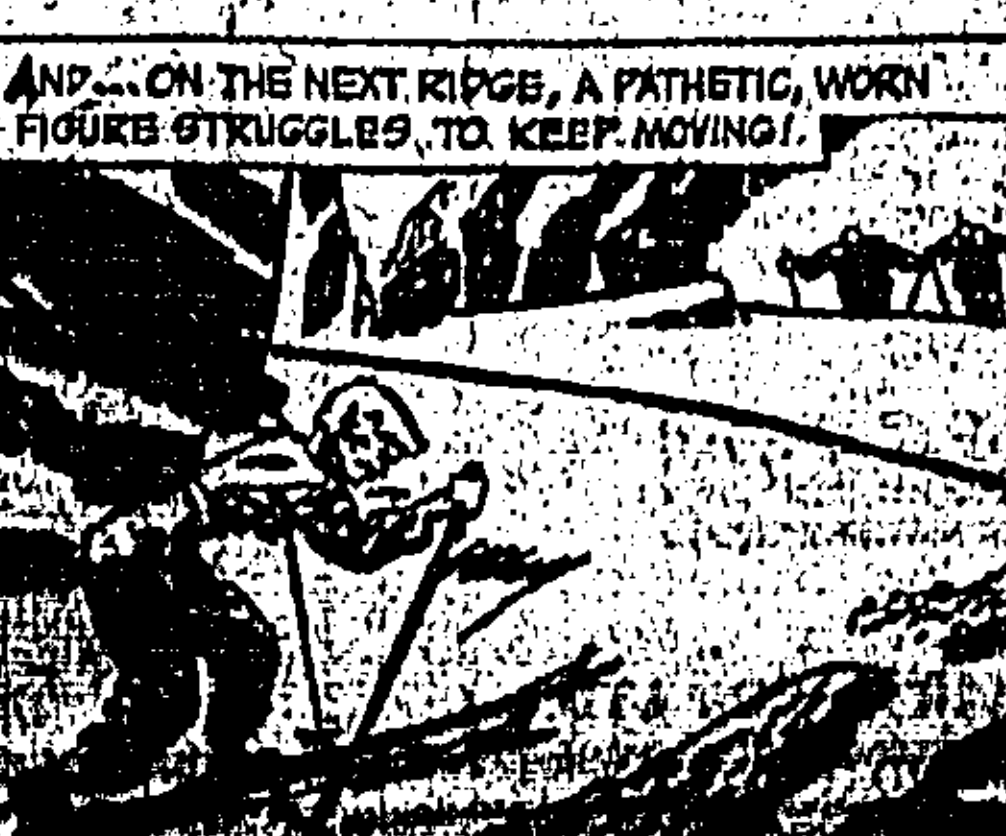
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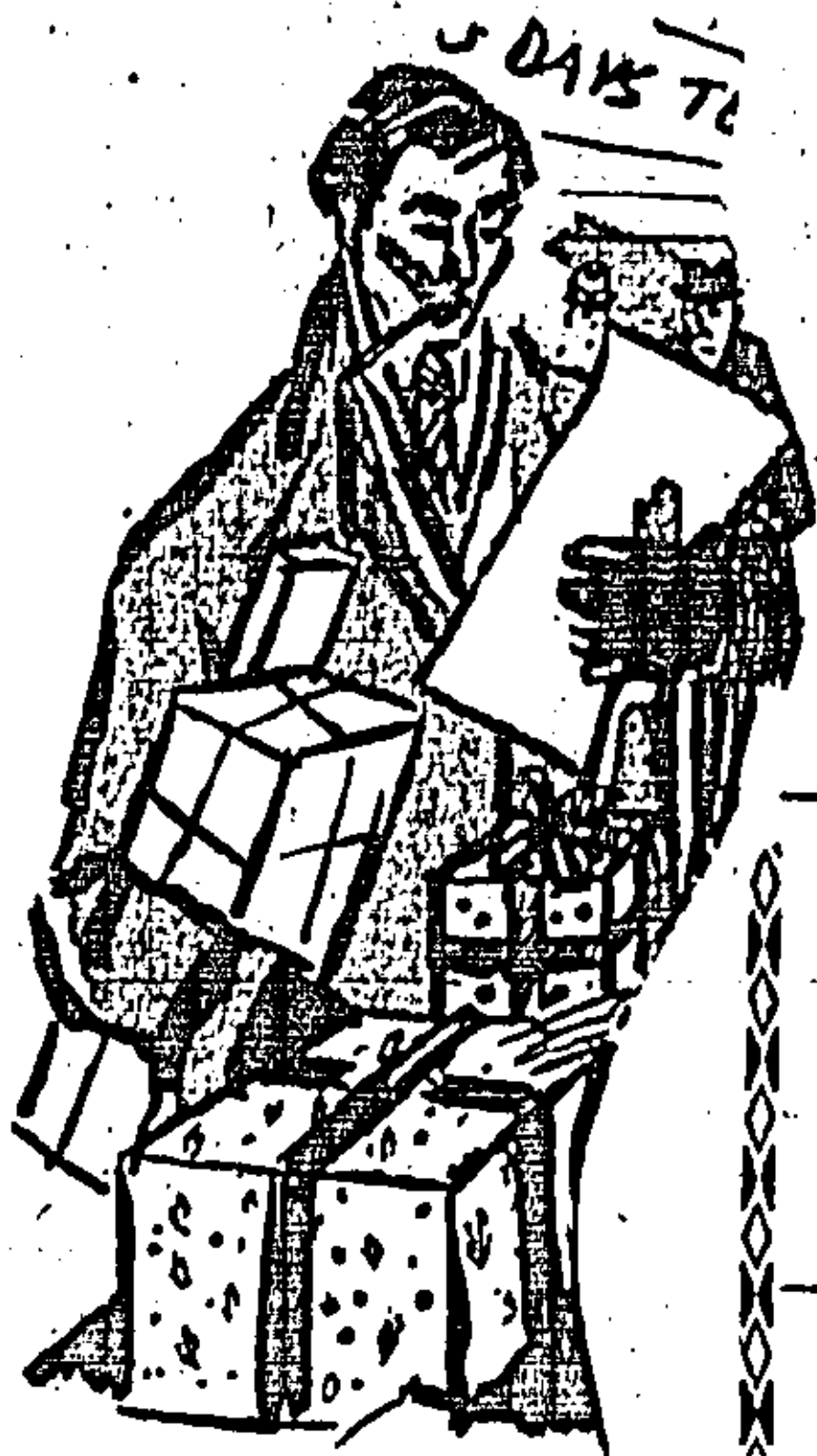


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by SYLVIA GOUGH

SHE is easier to please than you think. She is almost certain to be delighted, whatever you give her.

She will eat the chocolates and throw the box away. She will ladder the nylons and buy another pair. She may forget to use the bath salts or somehow lose the bottle.

So find her something that will outlast the decorations. Give her something she would buy for herself in a moment of madness.

"Something not quite essential"—that was the four-word summary of what 12 friends described in answer to my question: "What was the nicest present you received last Christmas?"

The recital included: An extra special fountain pen, an evening bag, something rather unusual in the way of chunky jewellery, a silly picture to hang over the bath, an antique golden cherub to put in the hall, an enormous teddy bear to keep guard over her bed.

Give her something that smacks of luxury.

If it has to be a useful present, it must be useful plus. A slim cigarette lighter, covered with crocodile skin; a cheque book cover with her initials on (the fact that the initials are there shows you didn't buy at the last moment); a pair of bedroom slippers that do a lot more than just keep her feet warm.

Give her something that shows you have bothered.

Let memory be your best adviser. Remember whether her favourite earrings are rhinestone or gilt, and give her a brooch to match. Remember the colour of her winter suit, and give her a scarf that goes with it. Remember what she raved about the last time you went shopping together, and delight her by giving her that very thing.

Give her something that shows.

She may be perfect, but every girl from the age of nine is a little bit vain. So give her a present she can show off in public. A book token or plain cash is a lazy way out of the really personal gift.

HE goes shopping

THE LESSON: DON'T BUY HER WHAT SHE MIGHT CASUALLY BUY HERSELF

PENNY IS 19

SHE still goes to college for herself the bought a jersey cap in red corduroy for 16s. 11d.



HE might buy her a gift basket-shaped powder compact with jewelled lid (price, 32s. 6d.). OR gay bubble-bracelet (28s. 11d.). OR hand-knitted golfer's cardigan with bold colourful embroidery (44 4s. 11d.).

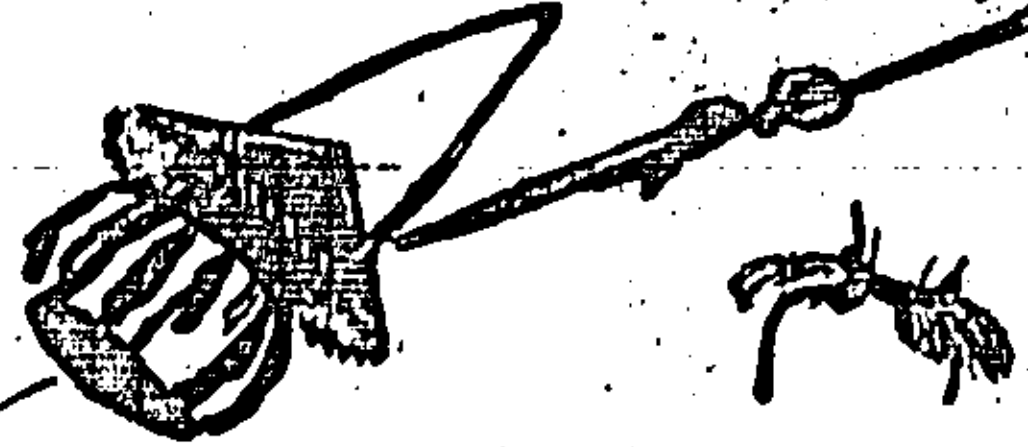


ANGELA IS 23

SHE is a London secretary who buys a matching cap and scarf set in imitation ocelot (27s. 11d., each item).



HE might buy her a cocktail bag in black grosgrain trimmed with gold braid; coolie top lifts up for easy access (55s. 6d.). OR slim nylon umbrella with elegant leather handle (72s.). OR leather belt with fur narrow poplin (55s. 6d.).

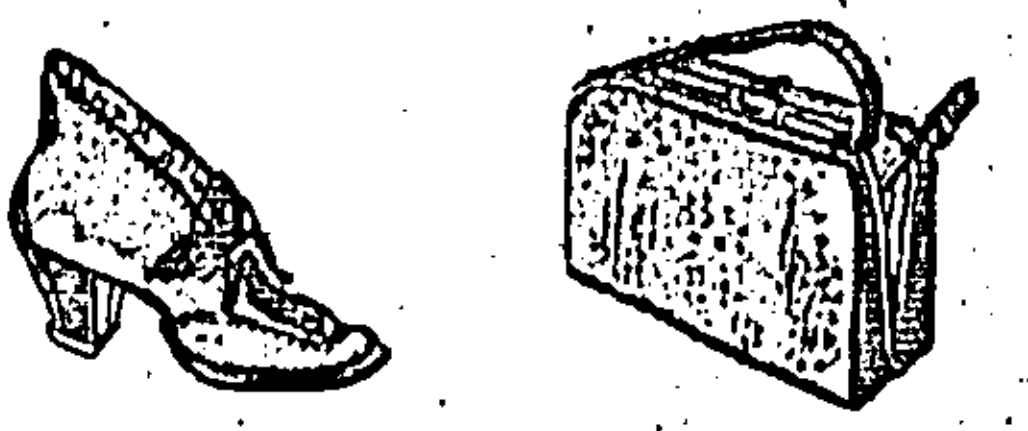


HELEN IS 31

SHE has two children; lives in the country. She buys a smart but practical tie-on hat (16s. 11d.).



HE might buy her fur-lined boots without that bulky look in suede and leather (79s. 6d.). OR neat companion bag large enough for an overnight stay in town; it has special plastic-lined pocket for toothbrushes, etc. (under 50s.).



SALLY IS 40

SHE has sophisticated tastes and is a committed housewife. She buys a velvet cocktail hat with veil and plume (98s. 6d.).



HE might buy her set of paste jewellery (earrings, 16s. 11d.; necklace, 25s. 11d.; brooch, 33s. 11d.). OR fur muff with pocket or built-in handbag (made to order, from 5 gns.). OR black silk jersey gloves with attached fine lace cuff and sleeves (55s. 6d.).

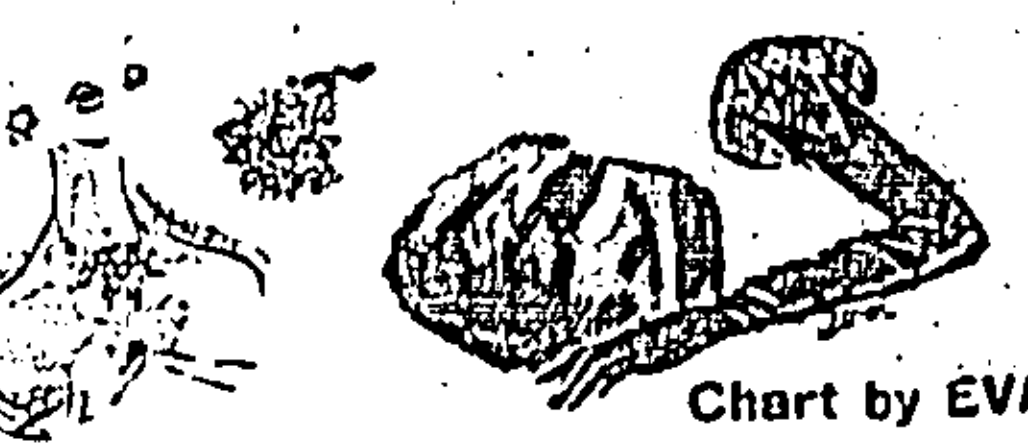


Chart by EVA

CHILDREN'S Hand-made Gifts

A GOOD many children at school are now making Christmas gifts for their parents. As the parents can't see the gift being made, the child can have the fun of surprise. Sometimes we parents will prompt the child to make at home or at school a gift for the other parent.

Usually the prompting comes from a teacher who sees educational values in making gifts. Certainly there can be very high moral values therefrom, for, while the child is making the gift, he tends to think and feel unselfishly.

Although some teachers of woodworking and some home economics teachers in the junior or senior high schools, motivate their students to make Christmas presents for their parents, more teachers in the kindergarten and primary grades foster such gift-making at school.

Creative Fun

With so much emphasis in these early years on creative fun, simple gift-making fits rather easily into the school programme for these years. The teacher is usually resourceful with suggestions for the young child and she and he can find many added ideas from the children's magazines. Incidentally, the making of gifts by young children, which they personally present to their parents or other loved ones, helps these young children gradually without undue shock, gain the true idea about Santa Claus.

Some teachers and group leaders encourage gift-making

throughout the years. No matter when you receive a gift from your child that he has made for you, I hope you will be truly appreciative, no matter how crude the gift seems to you. Be able to see more than the object itself, the dreams and love in the young creator's head and heart and his loving hopes that it will make you happy. To indicate by word or attitude that you don't think much of the gift or that you feel indifferent toward it could crush the child and destroy what might never be repaired.

Receiving Gifts

Most young children are always receiving gifts at Christmas without thought or practice of presenting gifts. Along with making gifts for their parents they also might well buy a few for them. Fortunately the child who has some money of his own, however little it be, with which to purchase a few inexpensive gifts. These children who are gradually educated in the use of an allowance have good opportunities to save for gifts from the pocket money portion of this allowance, by going without some pleasure purchases for themselves.

Club leaders, church school teachers, and public school teachers are in strategic positions for prompting children thus to make self-generals in order to buy some Christmas gifts, especially for their parents. These leaders and teachers also have many opportunities to inspire children to handle money wisely and to use an allowance well.

A GIFT

A stapler and a staple remover, together with a collection of paper clips, transparent tape and rubber bands all smartly boxed, would be a boon, we are sure, for the desk of almost any woman. Include a good pencil sharpener, too, one of those things that most of us need so much, but somehow seldom get around to buying. And that's the sort of Christmas present that really gets used, not stored away or exchanged or passed on.

Hints To Beauty

★ **OUTLINING LIPS.** Have a flat-pointed lipstick, pass it along the borders of your lips, forming a clear-cut line. Then fill in. That is where the lipstick brush comes in handy. It sends the creamy substance into all the little creases. If you have thin lips, you would make them a bit wider, you should go over the white spaces twice to be sure they are well covered.

★ **THAT LEATHERY LOOK.** She is not the only one. Beauty shops are filled with customers seeking divorces from that leathery look. One way to sluff off discoloured skin cells is to apply hot, moist applications. This should be done after the soapy face washing at bedtime. Dip a heavy washcloth in fairly hot water, hold close to the flesh, repeat several times.

★ **BLEACHING CREAM.** Half an hour later, apply a bleaching cream. You will find these at almost any cosmetic counter. They are not like the old-time creams that grandma used, when she was a belle. They are safe and, while bringing a more normal colouring to the skin, give it smoothness and quality.

You may have to change your powder after you get all creamy-white again. A powder that doesn't match precisely, shows itself all too plainly. Possibly your rouge should be lighter and, in that event, the lipstick should be harmonious. You can choose from autumn shades—true reds, orange reds or blue reds. There is a lot of difference between them, and you should seek out the tone that enhances your particular style of beauty.

★ **FINGERNAILS** in perfect form? A professional manicure once a week will keep them that way, but all women haven't the time to spare for a session at the beauty shop. This means that a little homework is in order. Putting on polish isn't all that is required.

Thin nails that bend easily are not normal, neither are those that split and crack. Both conditions may be due to a diet deficiency, though nobody is precisely sure about that. It has been determined, though, that daily friction with a cuticle cream will prove helpful. It isn't enough to press the emollient into the surrounding flesh; it should be rubbed into the nail fabric itself.

VANISHING TIARAS

TIARAS are rarely seen at London social affairs these days. Before the war they were worn for first nights at the opera, and often at private parties. Now they are kept at a bank, come out only for the State opening of Parliament, and for other important functions.

Many women who kept their tiaras have had them re-set into smaller pieces; some have had their tiaras remade so that they take apart to wear as brooches and earrings.

A Bond Street jeweller reports he has not sold a tiara for more than two years. "The only buyers in recent years have been foreigners," he says.

In his strong-room this jeweller has one diamond tiara priced at £80,000. Another tiara, priced at £50,000, is set with emeralds and diamonds.

Pasto copies

Peeresses are expected to wear tiaras at the Coronation ceremony. Pasto copies are now being made to sell at around £100.

One of the richest tiaras belongs to Lady Haddington. It is set with diamonds.

Lady Dufferin and Ava wears a big tiara-set with diamonds in shamrock design; Countess Alexander, wife of the Defence Minister, has a tiara of diamond bay leaves.

Viscountess Hudson owns a large and valuable tiara. She is the American-born wife of the former Agriculture Minister, who became a peer this year.



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MR. G. E. Mardon (left), Administrative Advisor of Rotary Clubs in this district, shaking hands with Mr. R. R. Coombs after presenting him with the collar of office of Secretary of the Hong-kong Rotary Club. Scene was at a Rotary dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel last Saturday. Right: Mr. D. L. Strillott and Mr. George Lin, President and Vice-President respectively of the Club. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Mr. Richard F. S. Dennis and Miss Valerie Loos, whose wedding took place last Saturday at St. John's Cathedral. (Staff Photographer)

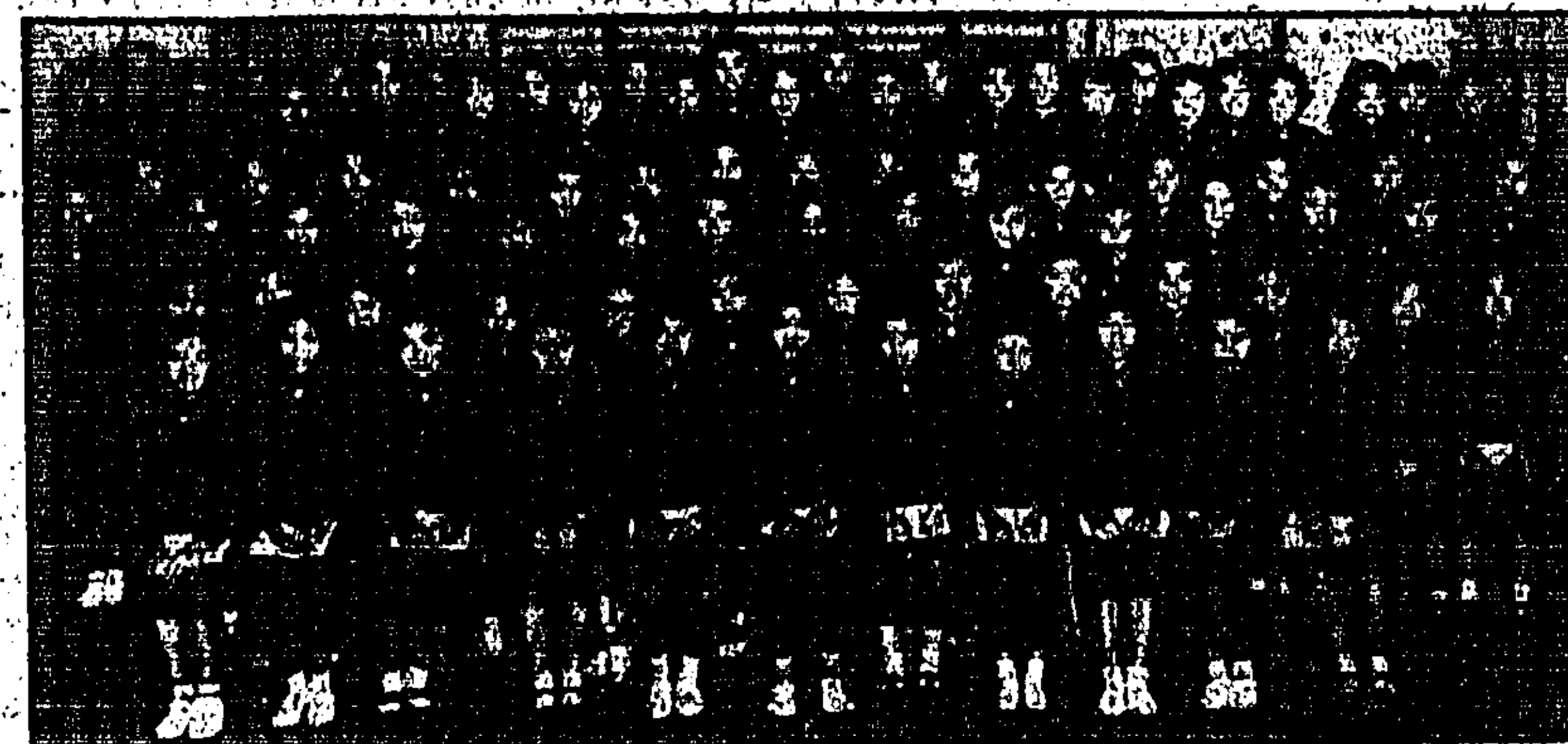


GROUP picture taken at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, last Sunday on the occasion of the christening of Alan Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. H. Hadden. (Staff Photographer)



GERALD, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Choo, prepares to blow out the candles on his birthday cake. He was celebrating his third birthday with his young friends. (Ming Yuen)

RIGHT: The St Paul's College girls' choir, who are to sing at the Hong-kong Concert Orchestra's Christmas concert at the Lee Theatre next Tuesday.



BELOW: Winners of the Nino Dragons Club monthly challenge cup for darts, the 33 General Hospital team, were also happy recipients of silver tankards. Left to right (back row): Pte G. Shaw, Pte F. Shaw, Pte K. Jones; (front row) L/Cpl Shaw, Sapper Buddie, L/Cpl Slade. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Team from the RAF, Kai Tak, winners of the Nino Dragons Club monthly table tennis tournament. From left: LAC Hill, Cpl Buchanan, LAC Tennant and SAC Strulovitch. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at the christening of Anthony Charles Richard, infant son of Mr and Mrs R. S. Hownam-Mack, which took place recently at St Andrew's Church. (Staff Photographer)

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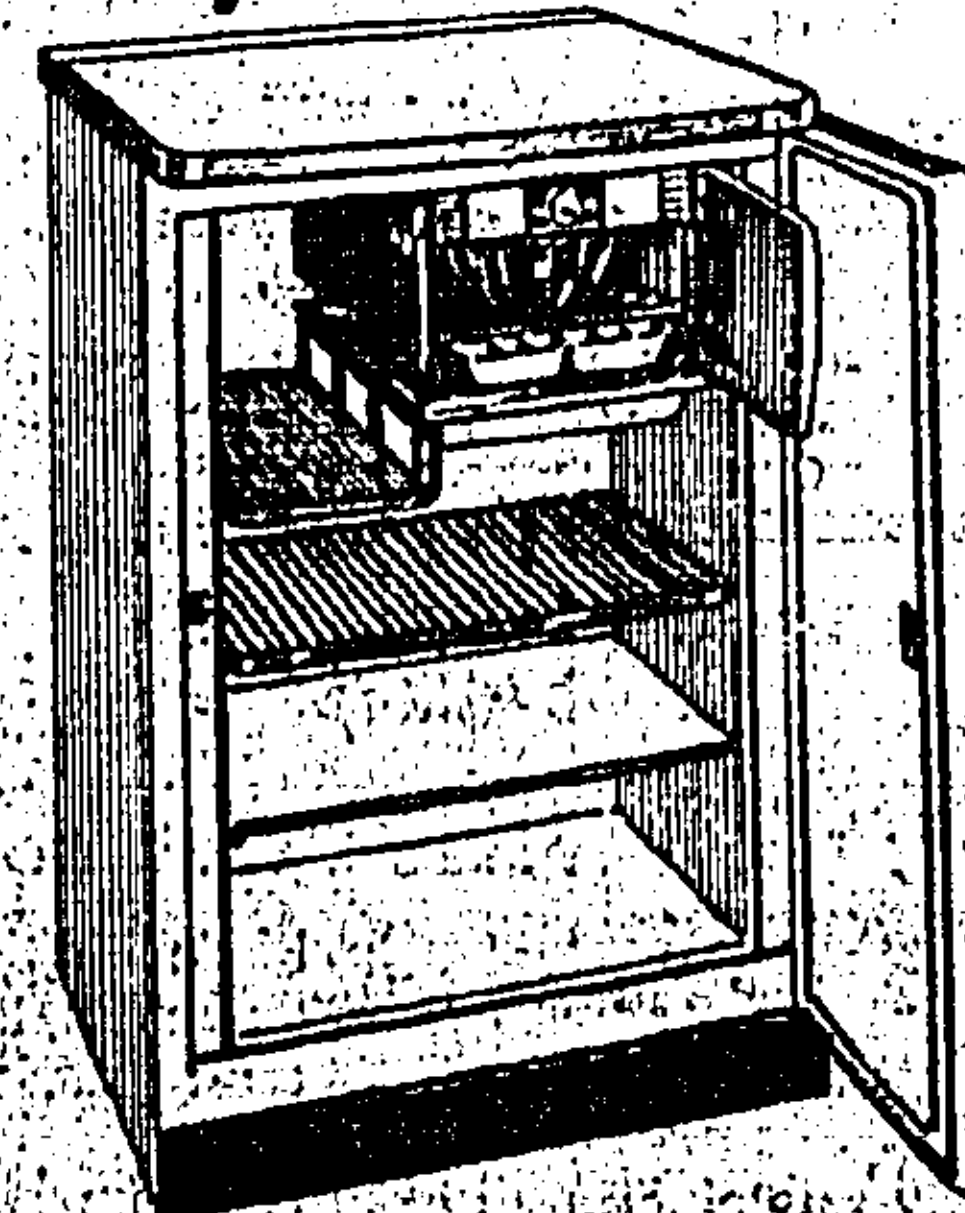


LITTLE Lili Cantors, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Cantors, about to cut the cake on her second birthday. (Willie's)

RIGHT: Mr and Mrs F. A. Broadbridge and friends photographed after the christening of their son, Frederick Brian, at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong. (Willie's)



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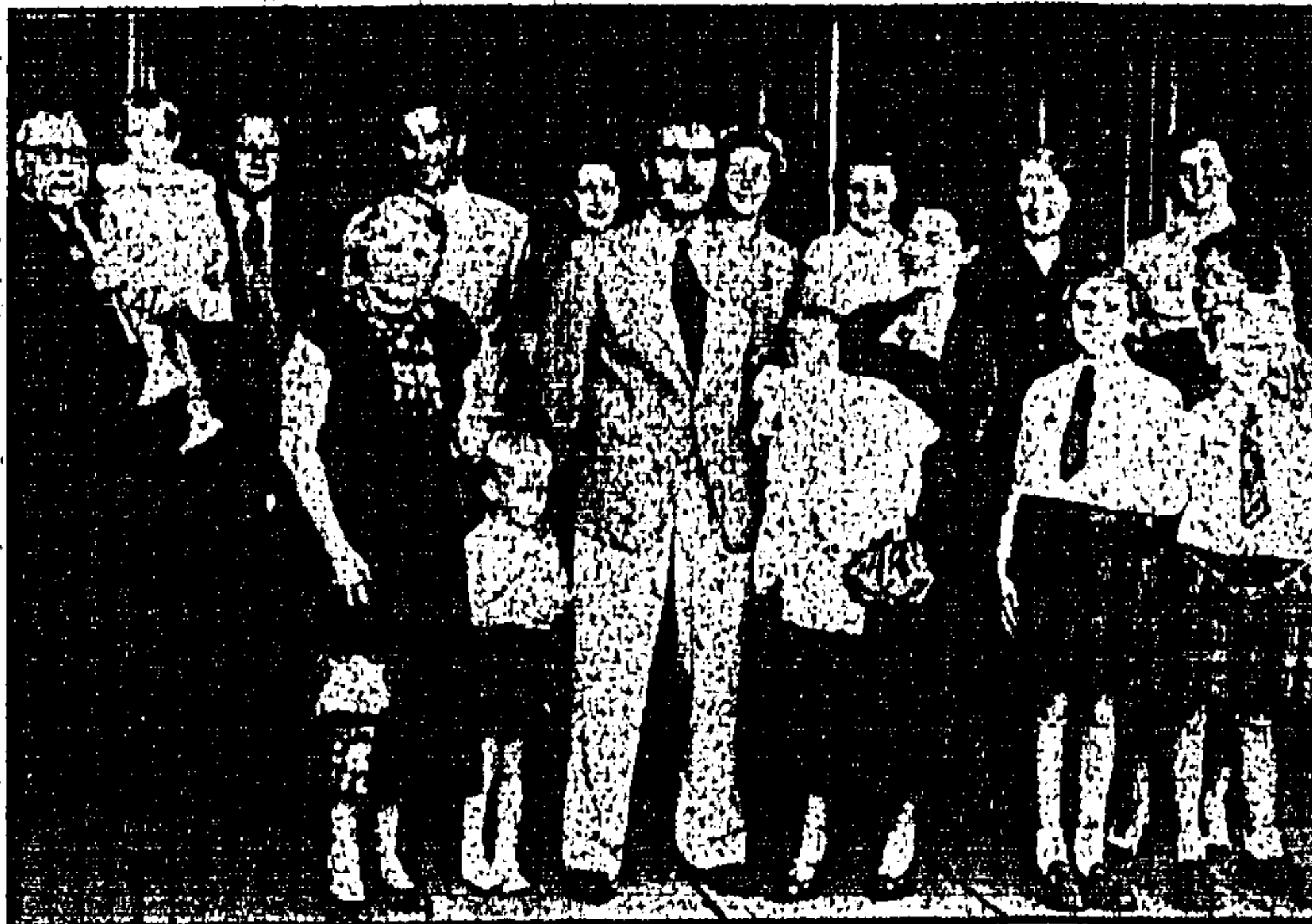
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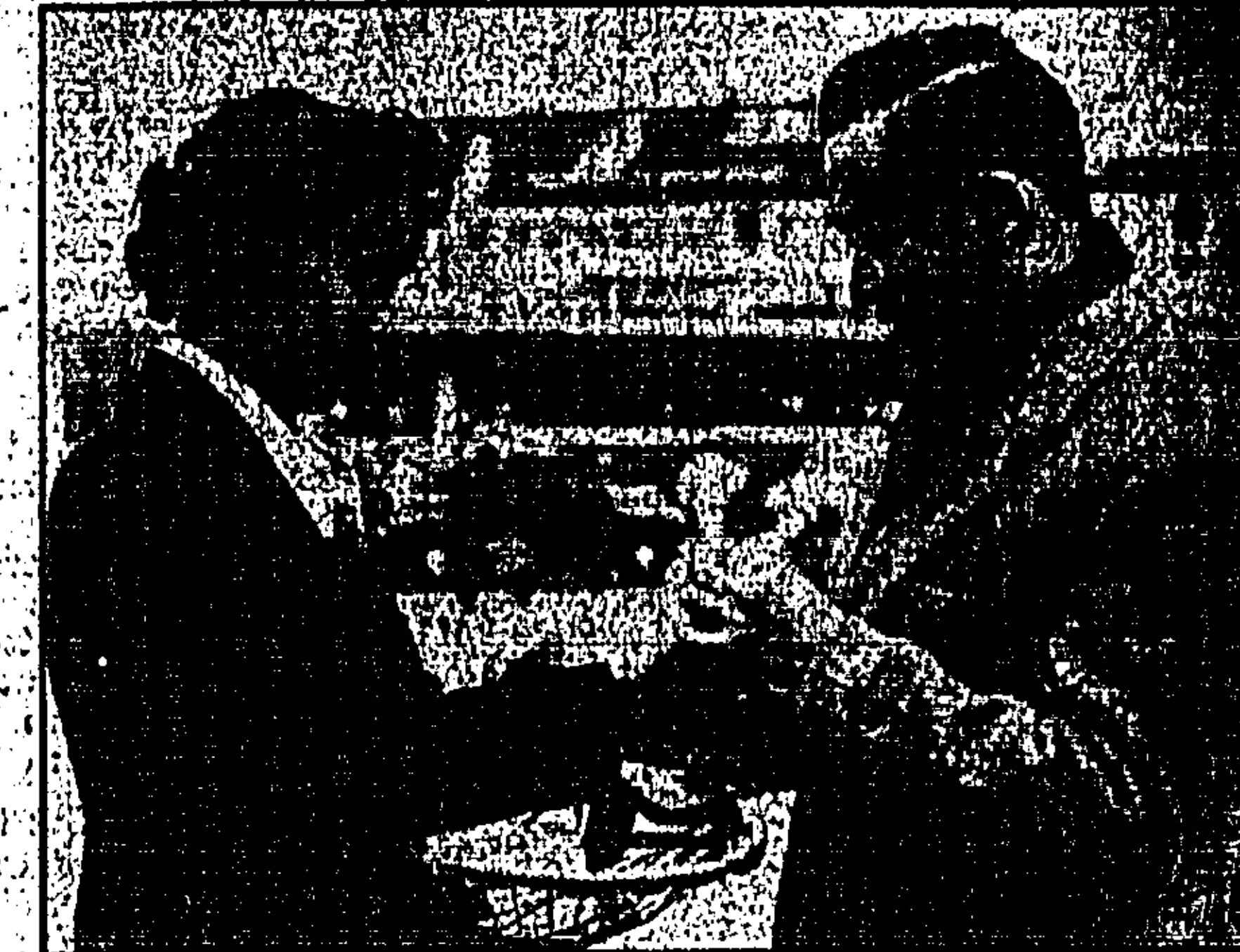
THE Diocesan School Old Boys' Association held a very successful dance at the Kowloon Cricket Club last week. It brought together a number of friends who had not seen one another for a long time. Here are two of the many parties. Fourth from left in top picture is Mr G. A. Goodban, the Headmaster. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP photo taken after the christening of Cedric William, baby son of Mr and Mrs C. L. Salter, at the Union Church, Kennedy Road. (Golden Studio)



MR and Mrs John William Farren pictured with friends after their wedding at the Holy Trinity Church last Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Margaret Cox. (Staff Photographer)



ROSE DAY flower seller Miss Sheila Collaco snapped by the cameraman at the Star Ferry pier last Saturday. The collection was in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. (Staff Photographer)



MRS E. M. Clarke presenting prizes at last Sunday's meeting of St Andrew's Church Sunday School. (Staff Photographer)



FRIENDS of Capt. and Mrs J. M. Carruthers at the christening of their baby son, Stuart James, at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Ming Yuen)

RIGHT: Rev. Bro. F. Cassian, Mr C. Dowman, Mr R. Laurel and friends at last week's dinner dance of the St Joseph's College Old Boys' Association, held at the Peninsula Hotel. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Members and guests of the Cercle Sportif de la Banque de l'Indo-Chine photographed at their annual dinner held in the bank hall. (Asia Photo)



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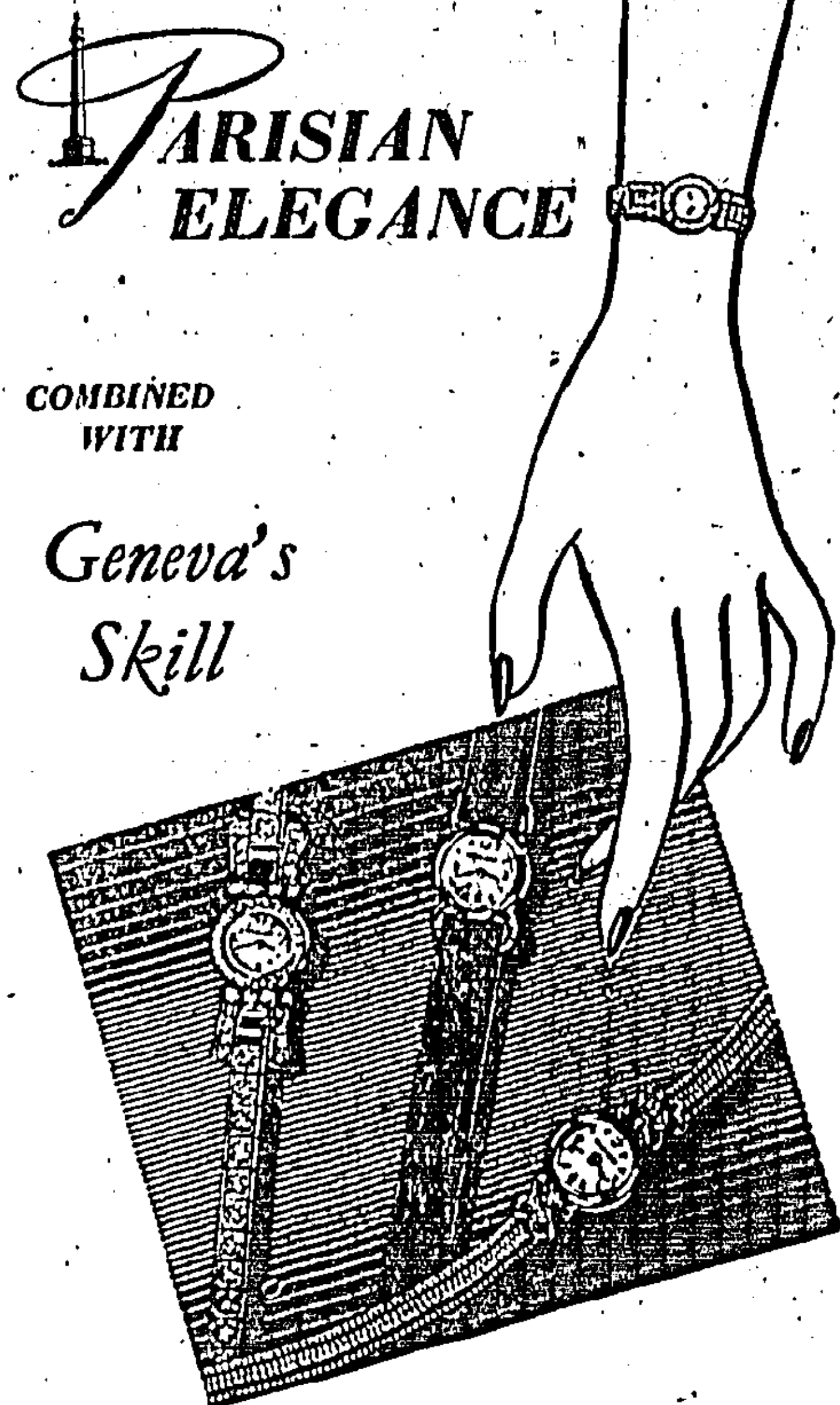
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Merry Christmas

FROM
MOTHER
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By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

TAKE a peek at Santa's post and there's no doubt you'll find many letters from little girls who write: "Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll house."

That's an easy order for mothers and dads to fill because you can make a doll house out of an old bureau drawer. Give it a coat of paint, dress it up with gay peasant designs and it's sure to make your daughter's Christmas complete.

If such an undertaking sounds appealing—and it's a fun-to-do project—now's the time to get going.

Here are some instructions:

★ Set the drawer so that sides and bottom are perpendicular, using its length for the width of the house. Add a gable roof made from two pieces of board. Fit in a triangular piece at each end to fill in the gables. To divide the interior of the house into three rooms, cut two partitions from plywood or old boards.

Now you're ready to paint, and that's where the fun begins!

We suggest a Christmas red roof and white walls for this delightful doll house. Make the

inside rooms green, rose and blue. All the peasant decorations were painted with an easy-to-master teardrop stroke. A water colour brush with soft bristles is suggested. And remember it's folk art—so you can let yourself go.

Choose gay colours. Make the birds on this doll house bright yellow and the heart and swirl designs multi-colour. Two shades of blue make latticed windows and door. Gay green is used for shutters. The floral motif is done in two tones of red.

The figures beside the door are not as intricate to paint as they might seem. Both are made

with the basic stroke in different arrangements.

To paint the woman, start with a circle for her head, a heart for her bodice, a dot at either side for hands, a wavy line far enough below to gauge the length of her skirt. Next, paint a large mass for the skirt, adorn it with a heart. Make each arm with a sweeping stroke. Eyes and cheeks are dots, and the mouth's a tiny heart. Hair is made with the same stroke as the skirt ruffle.

Each side of the man's jacket is made separately with curved strokes. Trousers are formed with an inverted heart.



JUST WHAT SHE WANTS for Christmas—a gay little house for her doll family. Mother and father make the delightful present from an old bureau drawer and some small pieces of wood.

Fashion Looks Back 280 Years For New Hat

ONE of the newest feminine fashions, the "jellybag" hat, can be traced back at least 280 years by the Army.

At the Royal United Service Museum, in Whitehall, a new exhibit of hussar uniforms shows a red-furred jellybag hat as part of the original Hungarian hussar uniform.

This type of hat evolved into the busby which, with the Hungarian style uniform, of the early 18th century, was copied by British hussars.

The Museum's secretary, Lieut.-Colonel P. S. M. Wilkinson, said: "We have tried to show, with pictures and explanatory notes, how this type of uniform, including the busby, came into British use."

The first regiments to adopt it were the 7th, 10th, 15th and 18th Light Dragoons, in 1809, although all light dragoons had copied the jacket in 1784. After Waterloo they discarded the busby for the shako, but the busby returned to favour in the middle of the last century.

A distinctive feature of the early busby was the wearing of a wing of cloth which hung on the crown from the right hand side—a survival of the original jellybag hat.

(London Express Service)



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE a professional artist to tackle the trim on this doll house. Even a beginner can master a basic teardrop stroke, which is used to make all the colourful figures.



FATHER'S JOB requires a little time and not too much skill. All he has to make is a gable roof and partitions for the inside of the house.



START WITH A CIRCLE to make the woman's head. Make a heart for the bodice, dots for hands.



EACH SIDE of the man's jacket is made with a curved stroke. Trousers are an inverted heart.

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3 c. elder vinegar. Simmer uncovered 15 min. Then add 1 tsp. salt, 1 1/2 c. finely shredded pineapple and juice, 2 c. brown sugar, 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper, 1 tbsp. minced ginger root, 1/2 tsp. crushed mustard seed, and the grated rind of 1 lemon and the juice of 4 lemons. Simmer about 1 1/2 hrs. or until thick and the consistency of jam. Transfer to sterilized jars; fill to overflowing and seal. Makes 12 to 15 half-pt. jars.

Pear or Apple Chutney
Peel, core and fine-chop 18 pears or apples, or enough to

make 2 qts. Fine-chop 2 cores, sweet green peppers, 1 small peeled onion, and 2 peeled ripe tomatoes. Combine with 3 c. elder vinegar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 c. chopped raisins, 1/4 c. any tart jelly, 1/2 c. sugar, 1 tsp. ground ginger, the rind of 1 lemon, and the juice of 4 lemons, and 1/4 tsp. cayenne. Simmer about 1 1/2 hrs. or until thick like jam. Seal hot in sterilized jars, filling to overflowing. Makes 8 to 10 half-pt. jars.

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Benedetto Croce poses the question:

Slav Imperialism Or Communism?

COMMUNISM finds no stimulus in the active spiritual and moral life of man; it springs rather from the futile and childish longing for liberation from the toil and pain which are inseparable from life and without which indeed life itself would fade.

But this does not mean that the Communist ideal has anything to do with the desire, as we say, for a better world, a desire which is a permanent feature of human nature and which expresses itself at all times in differing terms according to the particular circumstances of human action and progress.

This desire we understand as a desire for a world essentially different from the world as we find it, for a race of men different from the race we know, it is the myth of the "beyond," of the "other world," of "Elysium, Eden, Paradise, Kingdom of the elect," or other similar terms.

Marx not only followed the methods of religious dogma but added another religious myth, that of a Paradise lost and to be regained, which became through him the myth of primitive Communism. This primitive Communism had been lost in the course of history, and its loss marked by a gradual sequence of punishments, by the three ages of the slave, the serf and the wage-earner. It was to be regained by means of a revived and rationalized Communism, conscious of its sin and nature.

PROPAGANDA

NONE, however, among the great Powers has ever had a Communist-ordered revolution; nor in our time do the cases of Russia and of other states and territories occupied by her armies as a result of war offer exceptions; for it is only in appearance that Russia is Communist, as everyone knows, everyone sees, and everyone hears, and these know also that Communism and the doctrine of Marx, which Russian politicians invoke, serve her policy as instruments of propaganda.

A German author who visited the country during the early years of the Bolshevik regime was surprised not to see Communism put into effect in the administration; on being told in reply to every question that "what hadn't been done then, would be done later on," he smilingly remarked that in

A thought-provoking document by the great Italian philosopher, who died only last month at the age of 86

Russia, in these matters at least, the verb was always conjugated in the future.

The kind of political regime established in Russia and bearing the name of Communism does not abolish the state as Marx laid down, but makes it stronger and more absolute than any in the past, stronger even than under the Czars when the state was not "totalitarian," or at least not to the degree reached today.

Economic equality has not been achieved and the difference between the workers' salaries and those of the higher grades is very great. Strikes are forbidden, and the peasant is, in effect, tied to the land, and the worker to his factory.

DEBASED

NO new philosophy, or art, religion or morality worthy of the name and at the same time materialistic and proletarian has been created. The life of the spirit has been debased in all its manifestations, even if Communism has failed to tear out the hidden seeds from which these sadistic tendencies will be re-born, as they were born in the age termed primitive and savage.

And yet by its negation and by its threats Communism does good positively to some extent. As it is not able to rely on generous enthusiasms, which come rarely and are of little effect, it obliges backward men and classes to yield to the necessity of the times.

Other social developments, resulting from Communism are less valuable and less productive of good. Among these developments are "class hatred," which is not spontaneously felt, but rather injected into or aroused in the proletarian class by means of an easy alliance between the unhealthy feelings of greed and envy; the dilapidation of the "importance," formerly given to culture and the replacement of culture by the lack of it produced by propaganda, which allows ignorance to continue and, what is more, envenoms the lack of respect shown in the treatment of those same proletarian classes which, as "the masses," are used by demagogues as human projectiles, as weapons of their fanaticism and ambition.

GREAT WARS

THESE demagogues neither know nor love the people of the masses as they were understood and loved by artists; not Party member artists, because they are deprived of this gift or lose it when they assume that office, nor students from the special schools for proletarian art opened in Russia, which benefit art as little as they benefit the proletariat.

The new fortunes of Communism were determined not by its ideology and social strength, but by the great wars of the 20th century which led to the destruction, or rather to the suicide of a powerful, hard-working and prosperous Germany, to the division of Europe, and, it is possible to say, to the division of the world, into two powers or into two groups of opposing powers: the one in its historical and liberal view, that of the West; the other the anti-historical and dictatorial, that of the East headed by Russia.

This latter power, which like every power tends to be imperialistic, could not certainly, in the strife of politics and war, renounce a ready and efficacious means offered to her of raising the banner of Communism and Marxism, thereby bringing confusion if not disunity to its opponents and so weakening them.

THREAT

BY such means Communism attained a strength which it was far from having before the two wars, when it was everywhere already on the wane. It is now one of the greatest forces in the world. But in achieving this degree of strength Communism has been utterly transformed and has revealed the unreality of its ideals. It has become simply "Stavism," i.e. the mask of the Slav threat, which overshadowed Europe and the world immediately after Russia's victory over Napoleon.

It is this threat which, after passing through numerous vicissitudes in the course of a century, and after almost disappearing and being forgotten for long periods of time, has now been revived, concentrated and matured by the fall of the Czars and of the nobility, not ungenerous but inept, idle and finical, which surrounded them; and by the advent of a new Czarism in the form of a social revolution maintained by hierarchies, inspired only with the desire for power and armed with modern technology.

As in Russia, so in the minds of Communists who form large parties in other countries, nothing remains of the earlier Communism, which was rational and humanitarian; all that is left is the spell of Slav imperialism by which they are enthralled and which they communicate to others as the imminent fate of Europe and the world.

MYTHOLOGY

ALTHOUGH they continue to recite the Marxist creed, it is evident that the more insistently this creed is recited, the less it is believed and the less it makes itself felt in science and culture, which in fact advance without it, although weakened by the booming of its stenographic voice.

Communist historiography is now being made into a historiography—with a different standpoint—of good against evil, of Communist Russia, humanitarian and peace-loving, against the capitalist world, a world of inhuman usury, pitilessly longing for fresh war and bloodshed.

I hesitate to attribute any real belief in this new mythology of light and darkness to people of a critical nature, accustomed to analysing their own processes of thought, but certain it is that there are many who have persuaded themselves to believe it.

This inspires painful thoughts in anyone who does not much like living in an age in which spiritual grossness and confusion between truth and falsehood abound; in which people speak the opposite of that which they know to be the truth; when attention is fixed only on individual comfort or individual fear, and when the soul of man is so hardened that one seems to see not men but mechanically constructed beings, strong with mechanical coherence, with whom we have no thought or

feeling in common, and with whom there is no possibility of mutual trust.

But through the shadows of this pessimism returns the vision of all those who are afflicted by the same sorrow, and by gathering to ourselves this brotherhood of grief our resolve is continuously strengthened, the resolve tenaciously to defend the heritage received from those who have created, through the work of centuries, that which represents the only civilisation, a civilisation conceived as a perpetual fulfilment and an enrichment of the individual and which has been entrusted to us who are now living on this earth.

IT'S ALL VERY WELL BEING A PEER, BUT LOOK AT THE COST!

By L. G. PINE
Editor of Burke's Peerage

THE procedure for obtaining arms is decided according to whether your racial strain is English or Scottish or Irish, English and Welsh people come under the jurisdiction of the College of Arms, or Herald's College in Queen Victoria Street, London.

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By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Today's Cricket

Spotlight Centred On KCC-Recreio & Army-Optimist First Division Games

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Five first division and five second division cricket league matches will be played off this afternoon with the spotlight centred on the first division match between Recreio and KCC at King's Park and the return encounter between Army and Optimists at Sookanpoo.

The second division programme will see at least one interesting match, in which the still unbeaten RAF XI will be at home to the strongly contending Indian Recreation Club side.

Kowloon Cricket Club had their chance of overtaking Scorpions in the first round's matches completely nullified by being held to a draw by league tail-enders Navy last Saturday.

They had the better of the draw, requiring only 11 runs to win with six wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. It was a little unfortunate on their part that they were not able to get the salient out within reasonable time, but being too sure of the outcome might have been a contributing factor to their disappointment. Navy, however, though last on the league table, showed not only by the result of this match but also by their performance that day that they are a match for the best side in the Colony, when their full team is in port.

With both Pat Dodge and Muldoon in their best form at the moment, and with Recreio only just back from camp, KCC are expected to win their match today.

FURTHER HANDICAPPED

Recreio will be further handicapped by the fact that they will be without their all-rounder Gerry Gossano who has just had his knee operated. Without him it will be difficult for Recreio to find another folder to fill in the leg-trap which will undoubtedly be prepared for Pat Dodge.

Army were greatly strengthened in their match against Craigengower last Saturday by the return of Lt-Col Bailey into the team after a few weeks of indisposition, and although they were held to a draw by Craigengower showed improved form.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Annual Race Meeting 1953
17th, 21st & 24th January
and
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2nd May, 1953

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close to the Secretary, Alexandra House, 8th floor, at NOON on Saturday, 20th December, 1952.

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By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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WHEN BALLS ARE AGAINST THE CUSHION

By Horace Lindrum

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On the basis that Snooker can be made easier with a little thoughtful planning, I will proceed to deal with the diagram last week.

Chief problems are the Red on the right-hand side cushion and the Green on the left-hand side cushion; both these balls must be forced into the open.

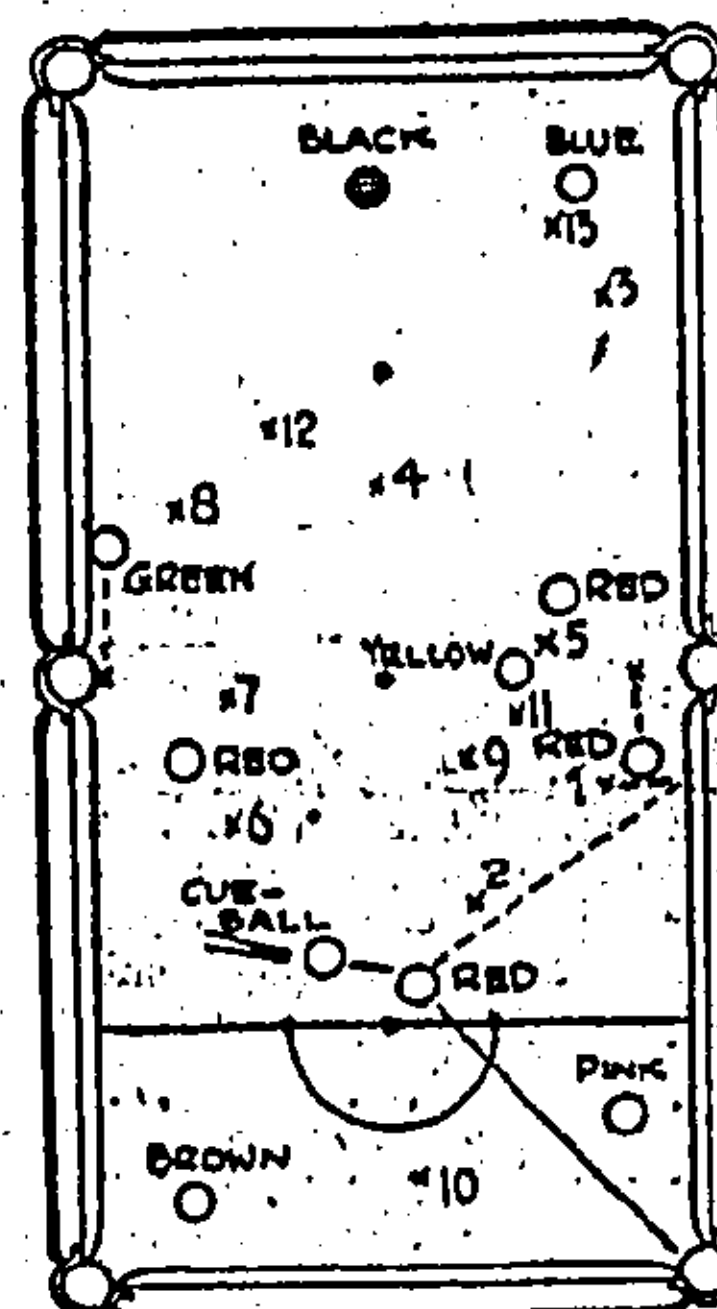
Addressing the cue-ball very low and with shortened grip on the butt of the cue, I would take the Red near to the cue-ball and pot it into the bottom right-hand corner pocket. But in doing this I would see that the White ball screws on to the Red cushion on the cushion with the express purpose of knocking it over the right-hand middle pocket.

Assuming my first stroke had been successful, my next shot would be to take the Pink from position marked X1 and drive the White off the bottom cushion for a favourable position (X2) on the Red over the right-hand middle pocket.

I now dribble the easy Red and bring the cue-ball off the top right-hand side cushion for position on the Blue or Black.

LEFT-HAND SIDE

Assuming my cue-ball came to rest at about position X3, I would choose the Blue in order to get it back on its own spot. I would play the cue-ball with plenty



of left-hand side so that after making contact with the top cushion, it carries across to the top left-hand side cushion and comes to rest in position marked X4 for the Red over the right-hand middle pocket.

My plan at this stage—knowing that the Pink and Black balls are on their own spots—would be to pot the Red into the right-hand middle pocket leaving the cue-ball in position (X5) for a pot on the Blue into the left-hand middle pocket.

Playing the Blue gently would bring me to position X6 for the remaining Red to be taken into the left-hand middle pocket.

DIFFICULT PART

The difficult part has now arrived.

In potting the Red I must leave myself in a position not only for getting a colour but also for getting the Green away from the left-hand side cushion at the same stroke. To do this I have to take a bold line, by leaving position on the Blue for my purpose.

I pot the Red to leave cue-ball at position X7 and from here my course is to force the Blue into the right-hand middle pocket with plenty of left-hand side to bring the cue-ball off the top right-hand side cushion on to the top cushion to contact the Green and leave perfect position (X8) on the Yellow.

The Green would now have been knocked over the left-hand middle pocket.

From X8 I play the Yellow with sufficient strength to dribble it into the right-hand middle pocket and leave the cue-ball in position marked X9 to get the correct angle on the Green.

The Green is played with plenty of left-hand side to bring me close up to the Brown at position X10. A little right-hand side to pot the Brown brings my ball across the table for the Blue to position X11. From here I pot the Blue gently into the left-hand middle pocket with enough speed on my cue-ball to leave me in a perfect position (X12) on the Pink.

The Pink is a reasonably simple pot into the top right-hand corner pocket, and if the cue-ball is struck on top with a good cue delivery, a perfect position (X13) should result for potting the Black into the top left-hand corner pocket.

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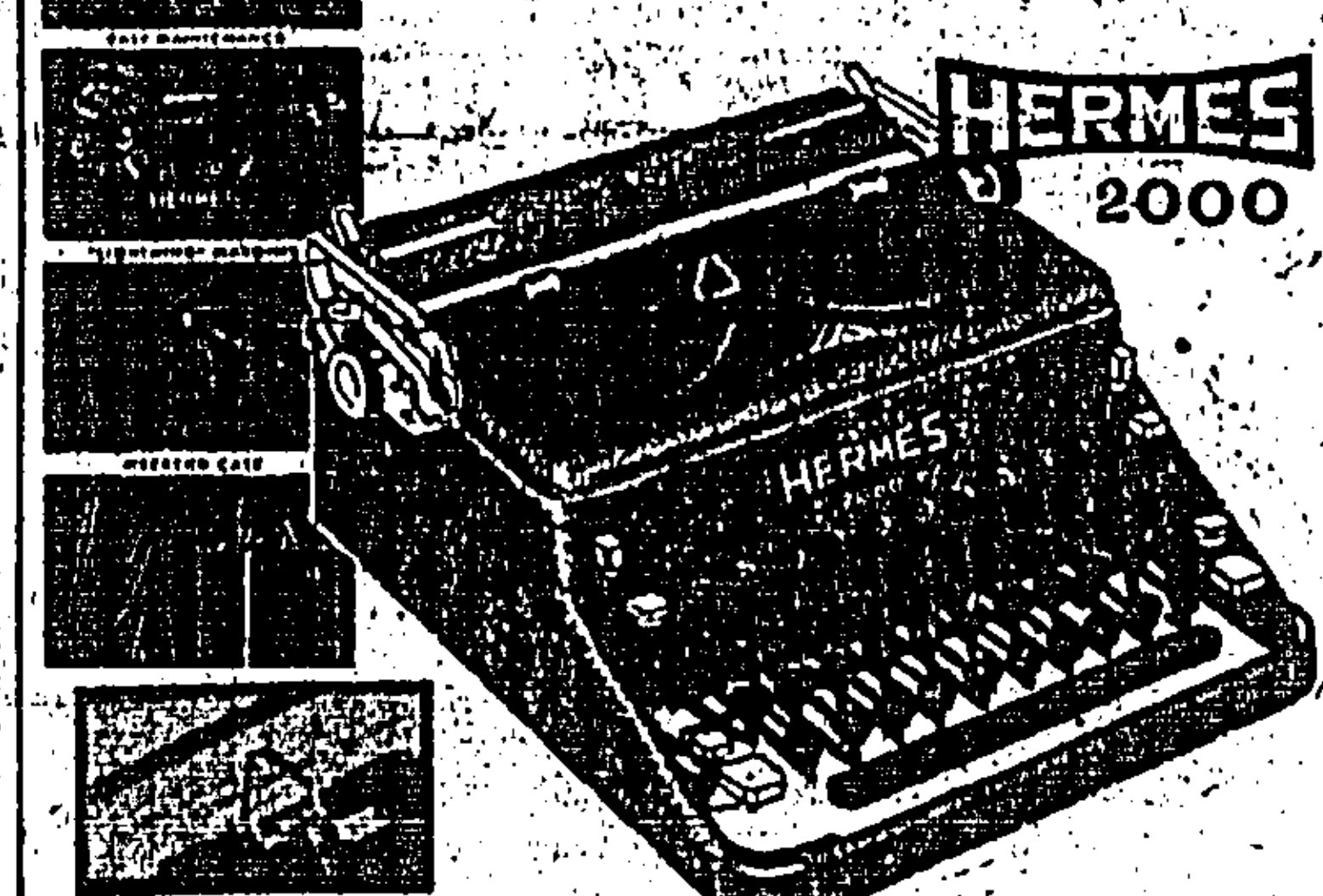
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the BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

Paul Solves the Broken Glass Riddle—You Spot the Error

By HAROLD GLUCK

The Challenge: Paul Husted is a boy your age. And he is in the same class as you are. He has brown eyes, black hair, and a friendly smile. He likes to play softball, swim, take long hikes into the country, and he can also ice skate and roller skate. He has brains and uses them. Match your wits against his and see if you could help his friend Peter Jasper the way Paul did. Now read the story that follows and see what happened.



"I can prove that Morton couldn't have smashed the window," began Paul.

MRS. HELEN HUSTED watched with amazement as her son Paul ate three cookies in a hurry and gulped down a glass of milk. "If I didn't see that all vanish into your stomach," she complained, "I wouldn't believe my own two eyes. Paul, you mustn't eat so fast. You will get indigestion. And why all the hurry this afternoon?"

"We are going to play softball this afternoon. They opened the new field at the school centre. And I am captain of our team. See you at supper time. Hope we have apple pie for dessert."

Paul walked north on Pine Street and then stopped at a two-story frame house. He whistled twice and waited until a window on the second floor was opened and a boy poked his head out.

"Hi, Paul. I'll be down in a minute."

Exactly sixty seconds later, Herbert Randolph joined his friend, Paul. The two boys continued walking until they noticed a crowd around a house.

"What's the matter?" Paul asked a friend. "I see a smashed window and glass on the grass underneath the window. What happened?"

JOEY HERSCHFORD had the answer on the tip of his tongue and it wasn't pleasant news to hear.

King Nep Has A Big Problem

—He Has to Get a Whale Back Into the Ocean—

By MAX TRELL

EVEN as Knarf and Hanid, the shadowy children with turned-about names, came near the brook at the place where it flows past the willow tree, they heard the voice of their friend King Nep.

"What can I do?" he was saying in an anxious voice. "What can I do?"

"King Nep's in trouble," Hanid said to Knarf. "Then they both ran as fast as they could to the edge of the brook. They found King Nep, pacing up and down on a bed of moss with his hands behind his back. Hanid was right. He seemed to be in great trouble.

Didn't Rule Seas

Long, long ago, King Nep used to be the Ruler of the Seven Seas. People knew him then as King Neptune. But he wasn't much bigger than a cricket now, and he didn't rule the Seven Seas much any more. He just ruled the little brook that ran past the Pine Tree Grove.

On seeing Knarf and Hanid, he smiled for a moment in greeting, then quickly looked troubled again.

"Oh dear," said Hanid, "what's happened? Please tell us what's the matter."

"Maybe we can be of some help," said Knarf.

Little King Nep shook his head and sat down on a white pebble. "Oh well," he said finally, "I suppose I might as well tell you, though I can't see how anybody can do anything about it. What's happened is this: I just got news from a seagull that a great whale has done a very foolish thing. Instead of staying in the middle of the ocean where there's plenty of room, he swam too close to the land, just to see what it looked like."

"And what happened?" Hanid laughed.

Half In and Half Out

"He got stuck," said King Nep. "He couldn't get back into deep water again. And now he's lying half in the water and half out, right near a sandy beach. And he can't pull him out again, not even I now how," said King Nep to Knarf and Hanid, as he sprang up from the pebble and started pacing up and down again, "now how can that silly whale ever get out into deep water? ... how? Just tell me!"

So Knarf and Hanid started thinking and talking while King Nep kept on pacing and pacing on the bed of moss in front of them, with his hands clasped behind his back.

Suddenly Knarf said: "King Nep!"



King Nep shook his head sadly and sat down on a pebble.

"Yes?"

"Can you make a wave?"

"How big?" said Knarf.

"Very big," said King Nep. "I can't make a very big wave in the ocean. But I can make a sort of big ripple right here in this brook. But why do you ask?"

"Because," said Knarf, "if you could make a big wave in the ocean, it could sail up to the place where the whale is stuck. It could lift him up and carry him out to where the water is deep. But it would really have to be a big—enormous—wave."

Just the Thing

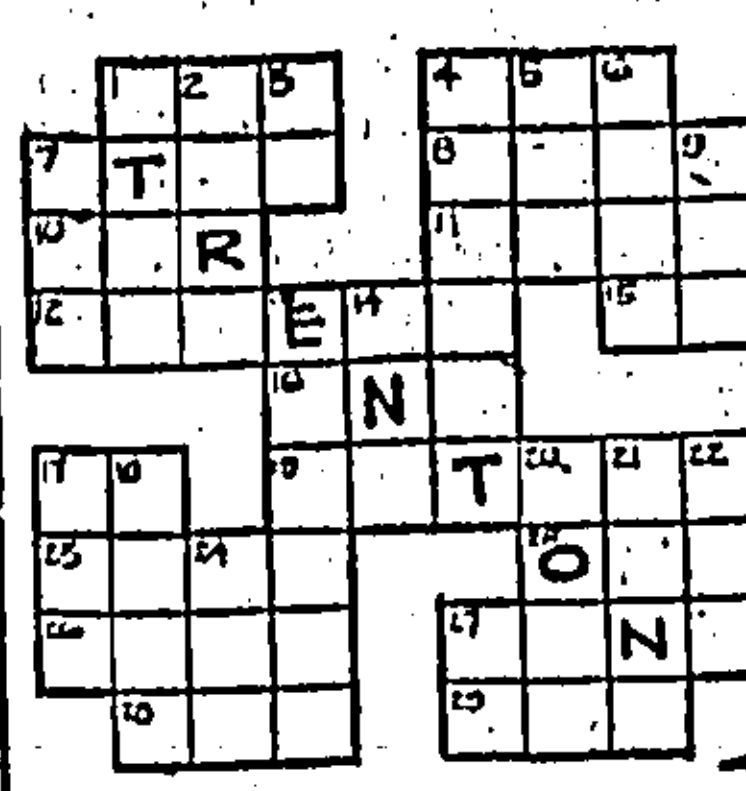
The next instant King Nep's face broke into a smile. "It's just the thing! Yes! And the ripple in this brook will do it! You'll see!"

With that King Nep got his trident (which is a sort of pitchfork with magical powers and which had belonged to him since the olden days when he was King Neptune), then he sprang out into the middle of the brook where the water was just up to his knees and struck the water with the trident.

It made a ripple. The ripple moved down with the brook and grew bigger and bigger. Then the brook flowed into the river and the ripple grew still bigger. And the river flowed into the ocean, and the ripple was now a wave. And the wind over the ocean sent the waves rolling and tossing, and it grew bigger and bigger. ... and it finally reached the spot where the whale was stuck, and it lifted him up and carried him out like a feather, way out, where the water was deep and the giant whale could swim again.

Then King Nep, who used to be King Neptune, felt happy that his little ripple could pull up so much.

As a good clue toward solving Puzzle Pete's crossword puzzle, Cartoonist Cal has lettered in the capital of New Jersey.



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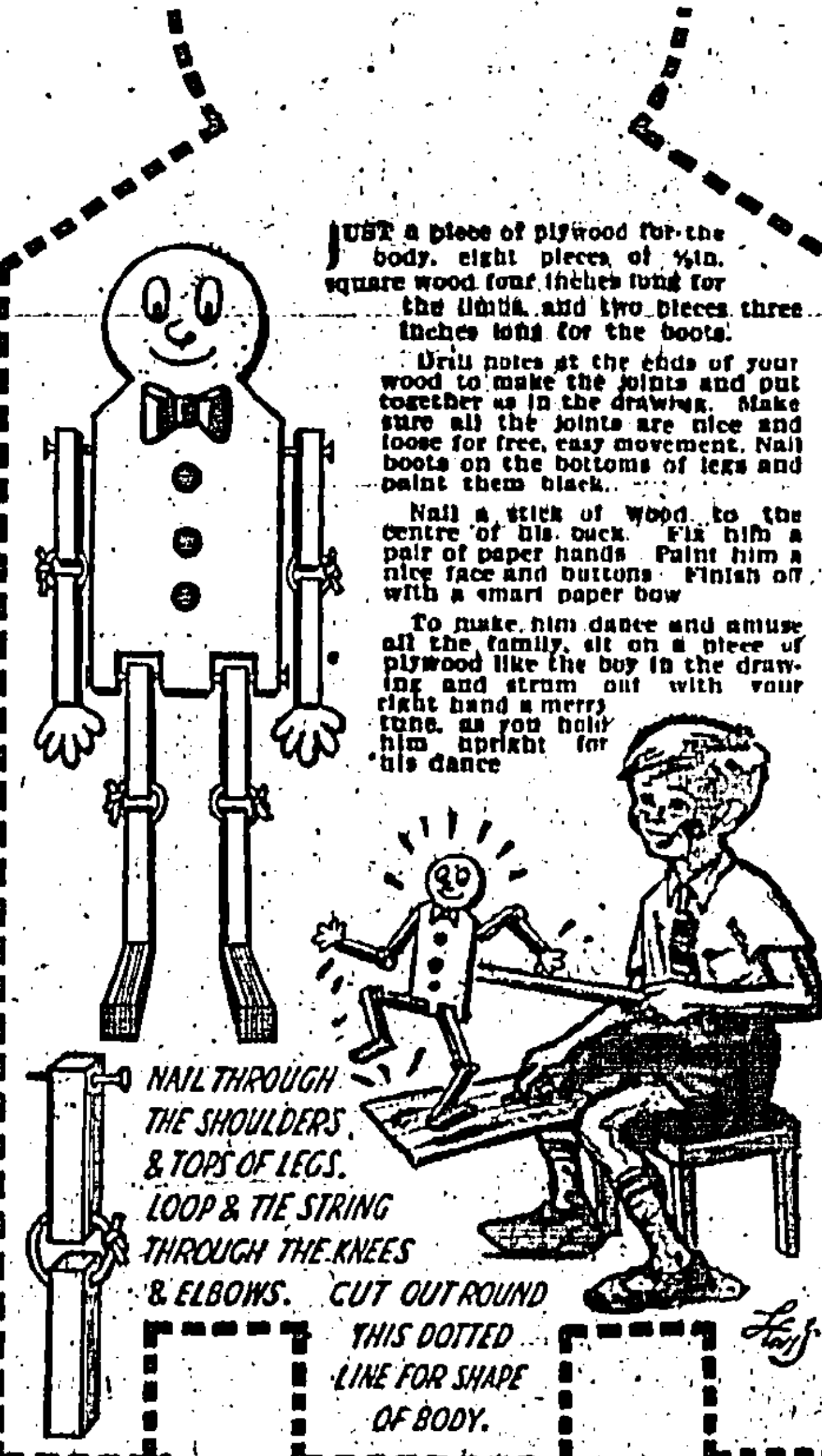
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- 4 Baten
- 7 Heavenly body
- 8 Redact
- 10 Rocky pinnacle
- 11 Persian fairy
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- 15 Half an em
- 16 Collection of savings
- 17 While
- 19 Colonise
- 23 Lath
- 25 Lubricant
- 26 Step
- 27 Part of a chain
- 28 Through
- 29 Malt beverage

DOWN

- 1 Shoshonean Indian
- 2 Young salmon
- 3 East river (ab.)
- 4 Say again
- 5 Poem
- 6 Dreadful
- 7 Streets (ab.)
- 8 Important metal
- 9 Church festival season
- 13 Compass point
- 17 Cleopatra's snake
- 18 Blow with open hand
- 20 Labour
- 21 Row
- 22 Wapiti
- 24 High card
- 27 Musical note

(Solution on Page 16)

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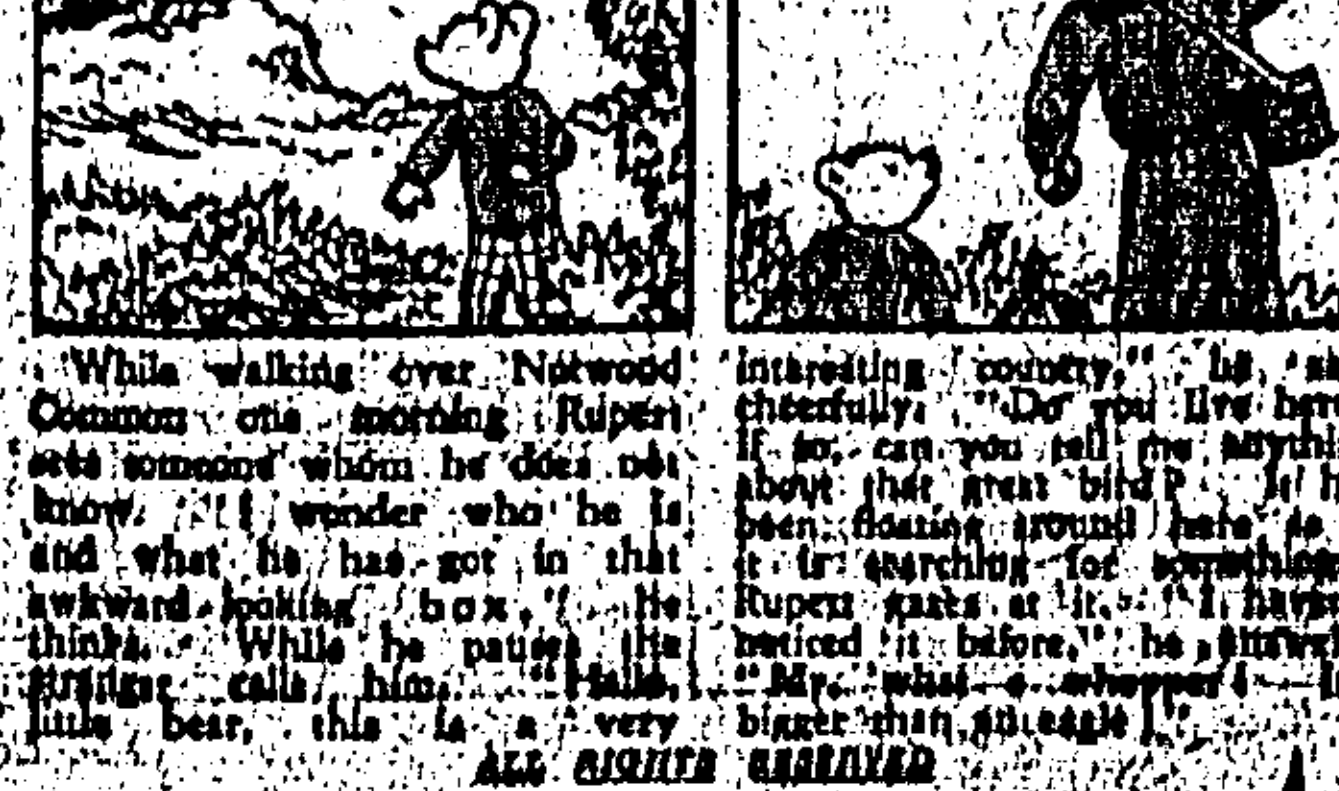
Drill holes at the ends of your wood to make the joints and put together as in the drawing. Make sure all the joints are nice and loose for free movement. Nail boots on the bottoms of legs and paint them black.

Nail a stick of wood to the centre of the body. This will be a pair of paper hands. Paint him a nice face and buttons. Finish off with a smart cowboy hat.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

THE husband was one of those lean seafaring men who look always to be a little at sea when ashore, as if the antics of landmen made them rather uncomfortable, as if, like the poet's sailor, they were always "moping for one voyage more."

The wife was a tall, sparely-built woman. In her 40s she looked as though she might for too long have borne too heavy burdens of worry. An angular woman who wore an apple green coat, which emphasized the paleness of her face. With the green coat, she wore, as if the contrast were a challenge to someone or something, woollen gloves of vivid royal blue.

THE wife stood in the dock at Great Marlborough Street. She was charged, before Mr Paul Bennett VC, with shop-lifting, and she pleaded guilty.

It was not one of those simple cases that could be put down to a sudden impulse. Marston, for that was the wife's name, had gone to work on the inviting counters in a wholesale kind of way. She had stolen one cardigan, six jumpers and two hats.

The story was told to the magistrate, and concluding it, the detective sergeant in charge of the case, said: "Her husband is in court, sir, and would like to speak to you."

SO the sailor husband was shown into the witness-box, and he came at once to the point of what he wanted to say. He said: "I want to plead for leniency, sir, for my wife."

The magistrate, who was sympathetic, and Marston's reading of the signal as leave to steam full-ahead, seized a rough eloquence from somewhere, and with his eyes on the coiling said: "Sir, I've known my wife since she was two years old until this morning, and she's never done anything wrong in her life. She's been a splendid wife and mother, sir, splendid."

He laid such emphasis on that last word that you knew that for him it was the peak and pinnacle of praise.

"Yes," said the magistrate, who had heard many husbands speak thus for wives in trouble.

"WE've kept a straight course all our lives, sir," the sailor went on. "My wife, she worried a lot when I was at sea in the war, and since I was disabled, she seems to have been going downhill. She's a very nice woman, sir."

"Really?" said the magistrate. "Then why was she out alone in the shops?"

"Because the daughter couldn't go with her that day, sir," Marston's husband said. "The daughter, married, you see, sir. A desperation entered his tone. He said: 'Look, sir, I'll see she keeps straight, now.'"

"How can you?" the magistrate asked. "You go out to work every day, don't you, now you've left the sea?"

"Yes, but there's the daughter."

"Your daughter's a married woman. She can't be with her mother all day. Do let's talk sense," Mr Bennett said.

MARION'S husband looked unhappy about him, as if in search of a prompter. His wife clung to a corner of the dock as if its rails were part of a ship in peril.

"Stand down, thank you," Mr Bennett said to the husband, and he added: "I've read your doctor's view on your wife, I shall let another doctor see her."

He remained. Marion in custody for a week, for the prison doctor to examine her. The sailor shrugged, and went home alone.

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(d) 1, 3, 5 (say) red, 2, 4, 6 (say) green; six arrangements.
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This is a word which has quite changed its meaning for originally it came from the Latin *nescius*, meaning ignorant. From this it came to mean foolish or simple, and thence through the sense of being easy-going to the present "nice"—pleasant and charming.

CENTURIONS FOR DUTCH

The Hague, Dec. 12. Holland will receive several hundred 62-ton Centurion tanks from Britain, the Dutch Defence Minister, Mr Cornelis Staf, announced yesterday.

Deliveries will start next month and continue until October 1954, he told a Press conference.

He added that Holland and Belgium were discussing with Britain the possibility of obtaining two of the latest types of British jet fighter planes, the Hawker Hunter and the Supermarine Swift.—Reuter.

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DAVIS CUP PLAYER INJURED

Brisbane, Dec. 12. Sumant Misra, India's captain, injured himself during the doubles match in the Inter-Zone Davis Cup tie with Italy today, but hopes to play his final singles match against Fausto Gardini tomorrow.

Marcello del Bello and Gianni Cucchi beat Misra and Nareah Kumar 1-6, 6-2, 6-2, 18-11 today to give Italy a 2-1 lead in the match.

Misra is believed to be suffering from a strain. He received medical attention after the match and will be examined by a specialist early tomorrow.

Winners of the tie will meet the United States for the right to challenge Australia, the holders.—Reuter.

Vital Test Match

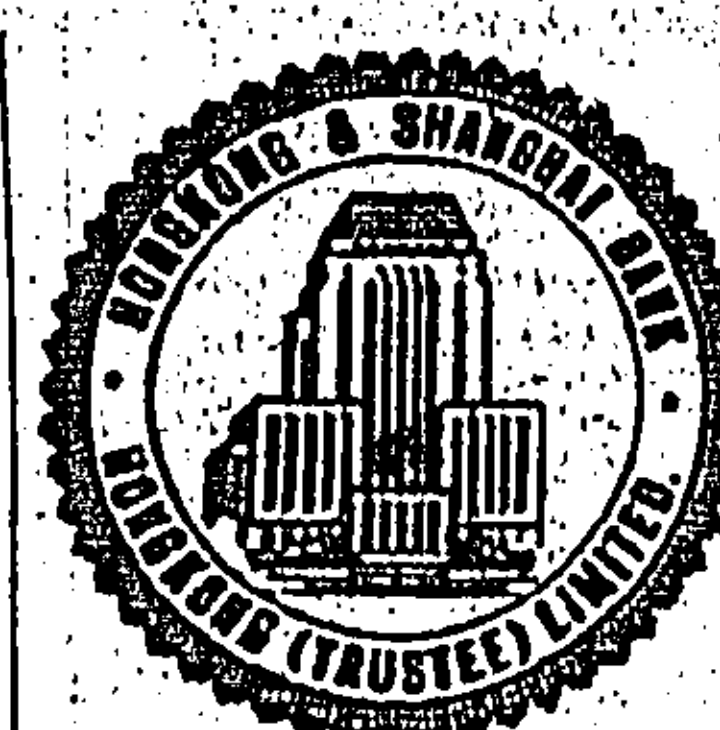
Calcutta, Dec. 12. Sent in to bat, Pakistan scored 230 for five wickets against India on the opening day of the fifth cricket Test in Calcutta today.

Pakistan, who won the second Test, must win this game to share the series; India has won two matches and one has been drawn.

Schoolboy wicket-keeper Hanif Mohammed (50) and Nazam Mohammed (53) gave Pakistan a fine start with an opening partnership of 94 in 135 minutes.

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